

Graduate Hooding Ceremony



University of Houston-Downtown

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3 p.m.



The University of Houston-Downtown faculty and staff extend special greetings to parents, relatives, friends, and loved ones gathered for this celebration.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

WELCOME

Dr. Deborah E. Bordelon
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

PROCESSIONAL

NATIONAL ANTHEM

OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Deborah E. Bordelon

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Associate Dean Paul Kintzele and Faculty

College of Public Service

Dean Jose Ricardo-Osorio and Faculty

College of Sciences and Technology

Associate Dean Ermelinda DeLaVina and Faculty

Marilyn Davies College of Business

Dean Jonathan Davis and Faculty

CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Deborah E. Bordelon

RECESSIONAL

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Candidates for Graduation

Master of Arts in Rhetoric & Composition

Tracey J. Crowe

Master of Arts in Non-Profit Management

Leticia Nicole Babineaux

Rhyon Shea Baker

Hussein Ali Bakir

Oliver E. Blanco

Erica Thacker Burroughs

Katherine Clifford

Deon S. Eniyewu

Charly Gay

Daitoyya Jenkins

Allison Noel McBryde

Collins N. Ncho

Noe Gabriel Ortiz

Jose U. Vazquez

Espiridion Santiago Zuniga

Master of Arts in Strategic Communication

Kristopher Butler

Miguel Guajardo Jr.

Ashley Guillory

Anthony Orlando Kirby

Tonya Lawson

Leon Leday

Faith Leanne Richards

Lucas Mikael Rodriguez

Master of Science in Technical Communication

Sarah-Katharyne Estelle Curry

Adrin Terran Martin

Carlais Erique Pyles

Katherine Ivette Rivas

WORDS OF THANKS

Rhyon Shea Baker

I'd like to thank all of the faculty in the masters degree program for non profit management, their leadership and patience helped me complete my degree with a 4.0 GPA.

Oliver Eduardo Blanco

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Kristopher Myles Butler

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Katherine Ann Clifford

I am deeply grateful to Dr. Mao for your support, to my husband Timothy for your love and encouragement, and to my mom for instilling in me passion for education!

Charly Gay

My graduation is not just an achievement; it's a testament to God's goodness and the village of wonderful people placed in my life.

Mike Guajardo

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Ashley Angelnique Guillory

Thank you to everyone who supported me over the past 15 years, especially Dr. Benton—your guidance, encouragement, and patience with my occasional threats to quit made this possible!

Leon LeDay Jr.

I just like to express my profound gratitude to all of our Professors in the MASC program because of your patience and willingness to work with students to ensure we excel in your classroom.

Faith Richards

Endless gratitude to my partner Philippe and my family for your love, encouragement, and strength. I celebrate this accomplishment with you.

Noe Gabriel Ortiz

I'm deeply grateful to every professor in the Nonprofit Management Master's program. Your leadership, real-life wisdom, and investment have made an eternal impact I'll carry forward daily.

Leticia Nicole Babineaux

Everything I've worked for, I've done with the intention of making my family proud. To my parents and to my husband, Ryan – Thank you for supporting me through my education journey.

Espiridion Zuniga Sr.

To my kids, supporters, and UHD Nonprofit Masters staff, you fuel my fire and sharpen my tools. Forever grateful. To my leaders: lead bolder, inspire greater, and stay blessed.

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Candidates for Graduation

Master of Arts in Teaching

Alfreda Renae Donato
Landry Fredrick Jr.
Nancy J. Guilbeau

Miya Chante Parker
Abdul W. Qureshi
Abdelhamid Taha

Master of Educational Leadership

James Bell
Michelle Ines Contreras
Da'Quan Floyd Copeland
Yolanda Flores
Kevynyka Gray
Ursula Kali Hart
Robin Alexis Jackson
Brandon T. Jenkins
Emily Anne Lanza

Misty Lashay Manning
Monica R. Patel
Samuel Charles Rogers
Mariana Salazar
Dwayne Anthony Shelby
Katia Nicoll Trancoso
Christopher Warren Whiteley
Justin Lloyd Williams

Master of Science in Criminal Justice

Diana G. Ambrosio
Ada Lynn Barnard
Elizabeth Rae Clark
Betlehem Cortez
Connor Allan McMurtry

Christina Yvette Montemayor
Muhammad Nasir
Karen Rodriguez
Kaline Marie Schuster

WORDS OF THANKS

Diana Gabriela Ambrosio

I am beyond grateful to everyone who has supported me along the way! I'm excited to put everything I've learned while earning my degree to good use!

Ada Lynn Barnard

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Elizabeth Clark

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Alfreda Renae Horton

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Landry Fredrick

Thank you to my college teachers for your dedication, patience, and guidance. Your passion for teaching and belief in my potential have truly inspired and shaped my academic journey.

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES & TECHNOLOGY

Candidates for Graduation

Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence

Simon Peter Gordon Chan Tack
Chinaecherem Judith Eze

Sally Holmes
Naima Idrees

Master of Science in Data Analytics

Jonathan Acevedo
John William Beall
Paola M. Cabrera Martinez
Oluwagbenga Kelerim Chukwu
Thomas Lee De Leon
Annete Pole Garcia
Taylor Lee Guerrero
Edaena Guzman
Musa Olayinka Hanafi
Sakhana Jeganathan
Shelby Johnson IV
Manish Kumar
Bhavani Bhavya Durga Mahankali

Fion Y. Mak
Daniela Ocampo Calderon
Udochukwu Israel Okoronkwo
Rodrigo Ortiz
Divya Manishbhai Patel
Marcia Eliana Pereira
Amanda Sofia Tovar Hernandez
Chiagozie Samuel Uwalaka
Nicole Marie Vargas
Estefania Velazquez
Fanjun Wang
Aleksander Clark Weiermiller
Bariscan Yolcu

WORDS OF THANKS

Naima Idrees

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Paola Cabrera

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Oluwagbenga Kelerim Chukwu

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Chinaecherem Eze Coleman

I thank Jesus for His grace and my parents for their love and support. This journey taught me faith, resilience, and determination—never give up, pray, and trust the process.

Annette Garcia

Julia, this was possible because of you. Thank you, I love you. Jimmy & Janie, thanks for always showing up for me. Arya & Abi, Thanks for being the best good girls in the world!.

Edaena Guzman

I am deeply grateful to my husband, parents, brothers, grandparents, uncle, and cousin for their love and encouragement. Thank you for your endless support; it means so much to me.

Musa Olayinka Hanafi

My heartfelt thanks to my professors, mentors, my loving wife and greatest supporter, Oyindamola, and my son, Adil Hanafi, whose love and encouragement made this journey possible.

Sakhana Jeganathan

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Shelby Johnson IV

Grateful for every opportunity that shaped this journey. I am eternally grateful to my family, friends. Your unwavering support lifted me throughout and this degree isn't possible without you all.

Manish Kumar

My sincere gratitude to my professors, office colleagues, family and friends for your unwavering support. Your encouragement made this achievement possible.

Bhavya Mahankali

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Udochukwu Okoronkwo

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Rodrigo Ortiz Paz

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Marcia Pereira

Heartfelt thanks to my family and all who have been part of this journey. Your support and encouragement made this milestone possible.

Amanda Tovar

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Chiagozie Samuel Uwalaka

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Nicole Marie Vargas

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Estefania Velazquez

Gracias a mis padres por sus sacrificios y amor. Como primera generación en graduar con maestría, este logro es suyo también. Juntos abrimos camino para las futuras generaciones.

MARILYN DAVIES COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Candidates for Graduation

Master of Business Administration

Karla Paola Aguirre
Iqra Ahmad
Addi Al Yasein
Jason S. Allbritton
Brianna Alexis Allen-Martin
Yamily Almaguer
Senait Araya Andemicael
Dawanda Tyann Anderson
Christopher R. Ayers
Folasade Bamgbelu
Rhonda Joannette Barlow
Holly Ju'Trece Battist
Demetrius Kente Benjamin
Frederick James Berray
Christopher Noah Berry
Riddhi Jagdishku Bhatia
Rajeev Samson Bhattacharya
Jason E. Bingham
Jacob Nelon Biscamp
Bria Blaylock
Joshua Thomas Bradford
Christian Alan Britain
Olayemi Omololu Brown
Kevin Eugene Burns
Kim Thoanguyen Byrd
Jonathan Campos
Shaya Lee Carlson
Valentin Loera Casiano
Alexander Chavez
Tasnia Nuzhat Chowdhury
Samuel B. Clark
Jannette Clary
Courtney Ty'esha Cooksey
Galon D. Cooper Jr.
Leticia Cuarenta
Diego Anderson Culajay
Victoria Lynn Cummings
Destiny Davis
Kaneshia D. Davis
Mercades Renee Delao

Daphne J. De La Riva
Victor Daniel Delgado
Courtney Kassem Dennard
Tiffany Nicole Dennard
Akanksha Deshpande
Parminder Singh Dhaliwal
Maria Fernanda Diaz-Barnes
Daniel Diego
Thien-Tam Ngoc Do
Cleo Tahirih Dunn
Eulavia A. Duplechan
Joshua Lee Enriquez
Alan Gerardo Esparza
Melisa Eyigor Cervenka
Deisy C. Fernandez
Job Pannackal Finney
Natalie Flores
Elena Saldana Fortaneli
Raven Fuller
Jesus A. Garcia
Marcela Garcia
Mildred Garcia
Kavonte Gardner
Cecily Gay
Tania Ghosal
Shaira C. Givens
Hamilton Gmah
Anaya D. Gonzales
Eduardo Gonzalez
Maria M. Gonzalez
Veane Mendoza Gott
Robert Marquis Green
Angelina Maria Gulli
Yvette N. Gusman
Jacob Gutierrez
Melanie Patricia Guzman
Arlena Marie Hanson
India Jade Henry
Lorena Hernandez
Derek Brady Hill

Tramonquell Hill
 Brandi Genevieve Holden
 Robyn Mercedes Hudson
 Joslyn Cynthia Irish
 Friday Kelvin Isah
 Lauren D. Jackson
 Ryland Terrell Johnson
 Samuel M. Johnson
 Byron Keith Jones Jr.
 Brooke Elizabeth Kanning
 Mahmoud Kashef
 Regina Ann Keator
 Michael C. Kowis
 Muhammad Kumail
 Jasmin Lashay Lagarde
 Yanethzy I. Lara
 Jackson M. Liang
 Jason Alan Lopez
 Stephanie Lopez
 Roxana Sujey Lopez Perez
 Refugia N. Lozano
 Raul Macias
 Aurovon Mahapatra
 Zachary Lucas Maher
 Sarah Allison Mahurin
 Tonia Thomas Malayil
 LaSonya Denise Malbrough
 Paige Marshall
 Liliana Patricia Martinez
 Thomas J. Martinez
 Eva S. Maxcy
 Carlos Arianne Mejia Gallegos
 Jordy Mendoza
 Peter Chad Mgema
 Ishanda Miller
 Jovanna Morales
 Brandon C. Morgan
 Olivia Morton
 Jason J. Mosby
 Amanda Danielle Motto
 Tanuja Murjani-Moorjani
 Kayla Myles
 Jorge Luis Narvaez Gonzalez
 Yamilet Navarro
 Adora Chiamaka Ndukauba
 Ling K. Ng
 Annie Chau Nguyen

Tuan Minh Nguyen
 Vy Nguyen
 Casey Micheal Nicholas
 Claudien Niyigena
 Fuensanta Asangono Oburu Mitoho
 Lizet Ocampo
 Jennifer Bisi Ogundana
 Sade Victoria Ogunrinde
 Samantha Olvera
 Bahareh Oromchi
 Ronald Ortiz
 Ruben Armando Pardo
 Abigail Paredes
 Michelle Yvonne Pass
 Aminat Abiola Pedro
 Belen Pequeno
 Leslie Perez
 Michelle Marie Perez
 Chadwyck Dane Peters
 Kaitlyn T. Phillips
 Ladonna L. Phillips
 Victoria Veronica Popoca
 Madison L. Powell
 Terry I. Pruitt
 Liliana A. Puente Velazquez
 Denise Calderon Puentes
 Shaneil Purcell
 Lena Ramirez
 Nathaniel Ramirez
 Consuelo Ramos
 Froy Rangel
 Armiti Rashidi
 Sugeidy Yarlen Raya
 Marisol Abigail Reyes
 Ruben A. Rios
 Tajuana Latrease Roberts
 Lizette Robin
 Sarah Pauline Rodriguez
 Renzo Marcelo Roman Injante
 Kimberly K. Romo
 Tamra Saam
 Gabriela Salas
 Janet Salas
 Denisse Salazar
 Christian Sanchez
 Emily Joann Sands
 Dorian Saucedo

Kaneez Zahra Shah
Brea Chantal Smith
Ambriana Lashay Starks
Bobby Stokes Jr.
Timson Sunny
Susan Lee Swilley
Muhammad Talal Mahmood Syed
Derek Pepra Takyi-Boampong
Dominique Catrina Taylor
Jenifer Rae Thomas
Tashima Nicole Thompson
Michele Catherine Thomson
Jamarcus X. Tyrone
Derek Rey Uresti

Quanisha Vaughn
Akash Verma
Emmanuel Ramiro Villafuerte
Robert Anthony Volino Jr.
Daren J. Walker
Jamicia S. Ware
Derrius M. Washington
Shantra L. Wilson
Deborah Nicole Witherspoon
Jeanetta Sias Wooten
Fatemah Bibi Younus
Camille Janelle Zachary
Shamroze Zakaria
Monica F. Zavala

Master of Science in Professional Accountancy

Chimuanya A. Amaefule
Debbie Broussard
Eddie Omar Caguana
Andrew Jesus Colunga
Hannah Jean Eskelson
Angie Garcia
Christian Ellis Godfrey
Martin-Tien M. Ho
Hailey Jimenez
Paola Jordi
Young Jin Ko
Diana Iveth Lopez
Brianna Renae Mann

Ana Masias
Bennett Gary Meaux
Christopher Uriel Mendoza
Ivan Mendoza
Emmanuel Aryeetey Mensah
Citlaly M. Monrroy
Nicholas Anthony Ojeda
Tirza Naomi Oviedo
Kevin Pham
Luis Angel Rivera
Jennifer Carolina Ventura
Ivonne Yi
Andrew Jason York

Master of Security Management

Sheena Marie Alexander
Samaya Dyniece Allen
Ugochukwu Stanley Amadi
Nikkea Dayun Coram
Nnanyelugo Ekwueme
Kaila D. English
Oyefolashade Marianne Fatusin

Meagen Lee Hensley
Marketa Renee Kitchen
Monique Chantaa Perry
Robert L. Thomas
Joshua Malic Walker
Aaron D. Young

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Brianna Alexis Allen-Martin

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Senait Araya Andemicael

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Folasade Abimbola Bamgbelu

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Demetrius Kente Benjamin

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Valentin Casiano

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Alexander Chavez

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Courtney Cooksey

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Galon Dwayne Cooper Jr.

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Victoria Cummings

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Kaneshia D. Davis

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Mercades De La O

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Daphne J. De La Riva

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Daniel Diego

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Cleo Tahirih Dunn

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Eulavia Lindley

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Nnanyelugo Ekwueme

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Hannah Eskelson

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Monica Flores Zavala

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Natalie Flores

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Elena Fortaneli

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Dawanda Anderson

To Marilyn Davies College of Business professors and staff, Thank you for lighting our way. Your unwavering passion and dedication truly changed our lives. We are forever grateful! - Dawanda

Angie Garcia

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Jesus Garcia

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Marcela Garcia

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Kavonté Devon Gardner

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Tania Ghosal

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Eduardo Gonzalez

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Maria Magdalena Gonzalez

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Jacobo Gutierrez

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Melanie Villarreal-Guzman

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India Jade Henry

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Derek Brady Hill

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Kelvin Isah

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Lauren DeJuane Jackson

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Ryland Terrell Johnson

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Byron Keith Jones

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Paola Jordi

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Regina Ann Keator

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Jasmin LaShay LaGarde

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Jackson Mark Liang

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Diana Iveth Lopez

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Sarah Mahurin

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Paige Mary Adell Marshall

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Liliana Patricia Martinez

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Thomas Jimmy Martinez

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Eva Maxcy

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Carlos Mejia

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Ivan Mendoza

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Emmanuel Aryeetey Mensah

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Peter Chad Mgema

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Brandon Coreal Morgan

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Jason Mosby

"Grateful to the faculty and staff of UHD Marilyn Davies College of Business for their guidance and support in my MBA journey. Your dedication made this achievement possible."

Amanda Danielle Motto

Grateful to Professor Lozano and Professor Cedillos for real-world lessons and guidance during my MBA journey—your classes were inspiring, impactful, and lessons I will carry forward.

Kayla Myles

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Adora Ndukauba

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Annie Chau Nguyen

Thank you to my incredible family for your unwavering love, support, and belief in me throughout my MBA journey. I couldn't have achieved this milestone without you.

Tuan Nguyen

I thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the opportunity to complete my MBA. May this achievement inspire my nephews and guide them toward a bright, purposeful future.

Claudien Niyigena

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Lizet Ocampo

To my family, friends, and professors: your unwavering love, guidance, and belief lifted me through every challenge. This achievement is as much yours as it is mine.

Jennifer Bisi Ogundana

Aaaaaaaayyyyyee we made it together! Thank you!

Nicholas Anthony Ojeda

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Olayemi Olatunji Brown

*My heartfelt thanks to the UHD COB faculty. Your unwavering support, guidance, and encouragement throughout my tertiary journey made this possible.
I'm forever grateful.*

Bahareh Oromchi

I did it! I stand here today as a testament to my own resilience, determination, and hard work.

Ronald Ortiz Paz

To every teacher, mentor, classmate and family member that supported me, thank you! Go Gators!

Tirza Naomi Oviedo

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Abigail Paredes

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confident we now go forth to
serve our common needs.

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