



79th Commencement

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-DOWNTOWN



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FALL 2025

Friday, December 12, 2025
NRG Arena

MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR



Dear University of Houston-Downtown Graduates,

On behalf of the University of Houston System, I congratulate you on reaching this remarkable milestone. Receiving your college degree is an incredible achievement, and today we celebrate you.

Your degree not only reflects your intellect and knowledge, but it also signifies your grit, drive, and ingenuity. At UHD, you've developed character and invaluable life skills to propel you throughout your career and lifetime. Be confident knowing you are equipped to reach your full potential.

You now join the ranks of UHD alumni who have gone on to remarkable success in their fields, and I know you'll do the same.

As you leave this university and embark on a new path, please thank your professors, advisors, family, and friends who supported you along the way. Keep them posted on your progress. Moreover, stay connected to your university as a volunteer or student mentor. I know you'll continue to grow and have so much to share.

Once again, congratulations. We're proud of you and look forward to news of your future success. Go Gators!

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Renu Khator".

Renu Khator, Ph.D
Chancellor, University of Houston System

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Graduate,

Whether you joined UHD as an incoming freshman, transfer student, or graduate student, today marks a special milestone in your life. Completing an academic degree is no small feat. It requires equal measures of determination, problem solving, resilience, and grit. Now, as you stand on the cusp of the next stage of your professional journey, I have no doubt that your years here at the University of Houston-Downtown have equipped you with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions needed to turn your aspirations into a reality.

Now that you are a graduate of the University of Houston-Downtown, you have a new extended family of more than 73,000 UHD alumni, including leaders across industries, impactful public servants, and accomplished entrepreneurs.

As we celebrate you today, I encourage you to also recognize the friends and family members who encouraged you throughout this challenging journey. They, too, have played a role in your success, and their support will undergird you in every challenge ahead. Going forward, remember to lift others as you have been lifted. Your circle of influence is now larger than ever, and I am certain that the best is yet to come. Once again, I commend and congratulate each of you, and I wish you the absolute best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Loren J. Blanchard". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Loren J. Blanchard, Ph.D
President, University of Houston-Downtown

University of Houston-Downtown

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History of the University of Houston-Downtown

In 1974, the University of Houston acquired the assets of South Texas Junior College and opened the University of Houston-Downtown College (UHDC) at One Main Street as a four-year institution. By the end of the 1970s, the Texas Legislature approved UHDC as a distinct university in the University of Houston System.

UHDC focused on meeting the needs of Houston's diverse and dynamic workforce. The first four-year degree was a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, and resident students paid \$4 per credit hour. By the early 1980s, it was clear that UHDC was more than a college. It was officially renamed as the University of Houston-Downtown (UHD).

In the 1990s, UHD was the state's third-fastest-growing university and focused on becoming a premier, metropolitan university, appealing to traditional and nontraditional students as well as working professionals. Campus growth continued with the opening of the Academic Building and the Jesse H. Jones Student Life Center.

UHD then earned full approval from the Texas Legislature and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to offer graduate programs, beginning with a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice. The University also expanded its partnerships with Lone Star College (LSC) to offer select degrees and courses at UHD-Northwest, housed in the LSC-University Center, LSC-CyFair, and LSC-Kingwood to create pathways for more transfer students to earn UHD degrees.

In the late 1990s, the Commerce Street Building opened as the new home for the College of Public Service, followed by the Shea Street Building opening as the home for the College of Business in the early 2000s. In 2012, UHD celebrated another milestone as it enrolled the first class of MBA students in the College of Business.

In 2016, a 26,000-square-foot Welcome Center opened its doors, and the O'Kane Gallery landed a new home featuring exhibitions for student, faculty, local, and national artists.

In 2017, a historic \$10 million endowment was received from native Houstonian Marilyn Davies to support the College of Business' growing programs, including one of the largest MBA programs in the region. In recognition of the gift, the College is now the Marilyn Davies College of Business.

UHD then expanded its campus footprint—thanks to the addition of more than 17 acres—with the award-winning, state-of-the-art College of Sciences and Technology Building in 2020. Dedicated to the health and wellness of the campus community, the new Wellness and Success Center (WSC) opened its doors in January 2023. The WSC features an indoor running track, customized bouldering wall, a large multipurpose space with demonstration kitchen capabilities, and study/meeting spaces.

In early 2025, UHD expanded to the 10th floor of 1801 Main Street, which houses the Office of Continuing Education Office and the Office of Alumni Relations. This year UHD also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Texas Department of Transportation for the acquisition 11.93 acres of land, which lie adjacent to and under the existing I-10 highway and will be decommissioned as part of the North Houston Highway Improvement Project, as well as secured \$2.6 million in state funding for its new Center for Crime, Urban Research, and Education.

Today, UHD is the second-largest university in the city, offers bachelor's degrees in 47 areas of study and 12 master's programs, and boasts more than 73,000 alumni.

Symbols



The Seal

The University of Houston-Downtown's official seal reflects the history of the community. It is an adaptation of the coat of arms of the family of Sam Houston, the hero of San Jacinto. The Houston coat of arms is centered by a shield that dates back to the 11th century when William the Conqueror invaded England.

The Procession

Bearing the official mace of the University, the Grand Marshal leads the procession of candidates for graduation, along with the Associate Marshal, bearing the banner of the university. The faculty follow the candidates, accompanied by Assistant Marshals. The official platform party then takes its place, including the Board of Regents and the Chancellor of the University of Houston System or a designee, the President of UHD, and other officers and friends of the university.

The Mace

The ceremonial mace, derived from medieval weapons, acquired academic significance when Queen Elizabeth I presented a replica of her own royal mace to the University of Oxford in 1589. King Charles I made a similar gift to Cambridge University in 1625.

The University of Houston-Downtown's mace is a ceremonial symbol of the Office of the President that represents strength and scholastic integrity and is carried by a distinguished member of the faculty. Protocol requires the use of the mace in the processional and recessional of major academic ceremonies.

The University of Houston-Downtown's mace is 5.6-feet long with a tapered shaft constructed in walnut. Four, three-inch University seals cast in antiqued bronze are affixed on each side of a rounded square atop the mace, which features a brass finial depicting a round flame. Along the mace's shaft, five bronze plates feature the words: Excellence, Student Success, Inclusiveness, Respect, Integrity.

Academic Dress

The attire worn in the academic procession reflects symbolism dating back to the 12th and 13th centuries. Medieval scholars resembled the clergy of the era in dress and in some practices, such as taking vows and shaving heads. Standard costumes in academic settings included hoods and long gowns, perhaps worn for warmth in drafty buildings.

Academic institutions in the United States in 1895 first adopted a code of academic dress, which has been revisited at various times by the American Council of Education, the major coordinating body for the nation's higher education institutions.

While most universities and colleges adhere to the basic elements of the academic costume code, the guidelines can be adapted for individual institutions. At UHD, for example, bachelor's candidates do not wear hoods. A black mortarboard is worn with a tassel hanging over the right front quadrant of the cap. Traditionally, the tassel is shifted to the left after degrees are conferred.

The gowns worn by master's candidates have a slightly different style than those worn by undergraduates. All master's graduates receive a hood from a representative of their college or academic department. The colors in the satin lining of these hoods traditionally represent the colors of the university. For UHD, the colors are dark blue and red.

The honors cords draped across the shoulders of a gown indicate academic honors. Graduation with the highest distinction—a grade point average (GPA) of 3.80 or higher—is *Summa Cum Laude* and is represented by combined red and white cords. Red cords indicate graduation with great distinction—a GPA of 3.6–3.79—or *Magna Cum Laude*. White cords indicate *Cum Laude* honors or graduation with distinction—a GPA of 3.4–3.59.

Academic dress for faculty is distinctive. The doctor's gown is trimmed in velvet, and hoods are worn with colors that hold significance. The hood lining is in the colors of the college or university conferring the degree, and the color of the binding indicates the degree subject.

Faculty Hood Colors

Apricot Nursing	Green Medicine
Brown Fine Arts, including Architecture	Light Blue Education
Citron Social Work	Orange Engineering
Copper Economics	Peacock Blue Public Administration
Crimson Journalism	Pink Music
Dark Blue Philosophy	Purple Law
Drab Commerce, Accountancy, Business	Salmon Pink Public Health
Golden Yellow Science	White Arts, Letters, Humanities

Academic Degree Programs

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Communication Studies
English
Fine Arts
History
Humanities
Philosophy
Social Sciences
Spanish
Translation

Bachelor of Science

Health and Behavioral Science
Interdisciplinary Studies
Political Science
Psychology
Social Sciences
Sociology
Technical Communication

Master of Arts

Non-Profit Management
Rhetoric and Composition
Strategic Communication

Master of Science

Technical Communication

College of Public Service

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences

Criminal Justice

Bachelor of Arts in Education

(Teacher Certification)

Bachelor of Science

Criminal Justice

Bachelor of Social Work*

Master of Arts

Teaching

Master of Educational Leadership

Master of Science

Criminal Justice

College of Sciences and Technology

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences

Safety Management

Bachelor of Arts

Mathematics

Bachelor of Science

Applied Statistics
Biological and Physical Sciences

Biology

Biotechnology

Chemistry

Computer Science

Cybersecurity

Data Science

Geosciences

Mathematics

Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology

Control and Instrumentation**

Structural Analysis and Design**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

R.N. to B.S.N.***

Master of Science

Data Analytics

Artificial Intelligence

Marilyn Davies College of Business

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences

Applied Administration

Bachelor of Business Administration

Accounting****

Finance****

General Business****

Human Resources****

Risk Management and Insurance****

International Business****

Management****

Management Information Systems****

Marketing****

Supply Chain Management****

Master of Business Administration****

Master of Professional Accountancy****

Master of Security Management

* Accredited by the Council on Social Work Education

** Accredited by the Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission of Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology

*** Accredited by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing

**** Accredited by AACSB International—Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC SERVICE / MARILYN DAVIES COLLEGE OF BUSINESS - 12:00 PM

Pre-ceremony	Mariachi Emperadores De Mexico
Processional	
Call to Order	Ashwini Tiwari Grand Marshal
Welcome	Loren J. Blanchard, Ph.D. President
National Anthem	Kennis Freedman, Soprano - UHD Student
Recognition of Platform Party	Deborah E. Bordelon, Ph.D. Senior Vice President Academic Affairs and Provost
Greetings from the University of Houston System Board of Regents	The Honorable Adrian Caraves Student Regent
Student Speakers	Daisy Lisette Flores & Elsy Denise Flores College of Public Service
Commencement Address	Lesley Briones Harris County Commissioner for Precinct 4
President's Remarks	Loren J. Blanchard, Ph.D.
Presentation of Degree Candidates	José Ricardo-Osorio , Ed.D. Dean, College of Public Service Jonathan Davis, Ph.D. Dean, Marilyn Davies College of Business
Conferral and Awarding of Degrees	Loren J. Blanchard, Ph.D. Deborah E. Bordelon, Ph.D.
Concluding Remarks	Deborah E. Bordelon, Ph.D.
Alma Mater / Standing Proud (UH Downtown)	Jackelene Bravo, Soprano - UHD Student Indirani Venkatakrishnan, Soprano - UHD Student Kennis Freedman, Oboe - UHD Student
Recessional	Mariachi Emperadores De Mexico

Calling of Degrees by Susan Henney, Ph.D., Professor, Social Sciences and
Timothy Redl, Ph.D., Professor, Mathematics and Statistics

University Marshals

Grand Marshal

Ashwini Tiwari, Ph.D. Department of Urban Education

Associate Grand Marshal

Arpita Shroff, Ph.D. Department of Accounting and International Business

GUEST SPEAKER



Lesley Briones

Harris County Commissioner for **Precinct 4**

Lesley Briones has dedicated her life to advancing the American Dream because she has lived it. A proud Latina and native Texan, she was raised on the U.S.-Mexico border in Laredo by two teachers who instilled in her the values of hard work and service.

Briones attended Harvard University and, after graduation, returned home to teach in underserved public schools. Moved by the injustices her students faced, she decided to pursue a law degree at Yale University to become a stronger advocate for systemic change.

After law school, she joined the law firm Vinson & Elkins in Houston and quickly fell in love with the grit, energy, and possibility of the city she now calls home. Briones went on to serve as General Counsel and Chief Operating Officer of the Laura & John Arnold Foundation.

Briones entered public service as judge of Harris County Civil Court at Law No. 4. During her tenure, she earned the highest ratings in the 2019 and 2020 Houston Bar Association Judicial Polls.

In 2022, she became the first woman to lead Harris County Precinct 4, and the first mother elected in her own right to Commissioners Court. In just her first term, she has delivered real results — securing hundreds of millions of dollars for infrastructure, investing in public safety and flood mitigation, creating jobs, and expanding health access.

Briones lives in Houston with her husband, Adán, and their three daughters. They worship together at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church.

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STUDENT SPEAKERS



Daisy Lisette Flores

Bachelor of Arts, Urban Education
College of Public Service

Daisy Flores is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Education with a focus on Bilingual Education (EC-6). She was inspired to pursue teaching by her younger sister, Elsie, and her own desire to create a supportive classroom environment for children.

During her time at UHD, Flores demonstrated exceptional leadership, notably serving as President of the Bilingual Education Student Organization (BESO) and President of the Be a Teacher Club Northwest. She credits her professors and these experiences, shared with Elsie, for the professional confidence she now possesses.

She currently works as a student teacher in a second-grade bilingual classroom in Cy-Fair ISD, alongside her sister, who teaches third grade. The proud owner of a golden doodle named Babe, she plans to stay in Cy-Fair ISD following graduation and will seek an upper-level elementary position.

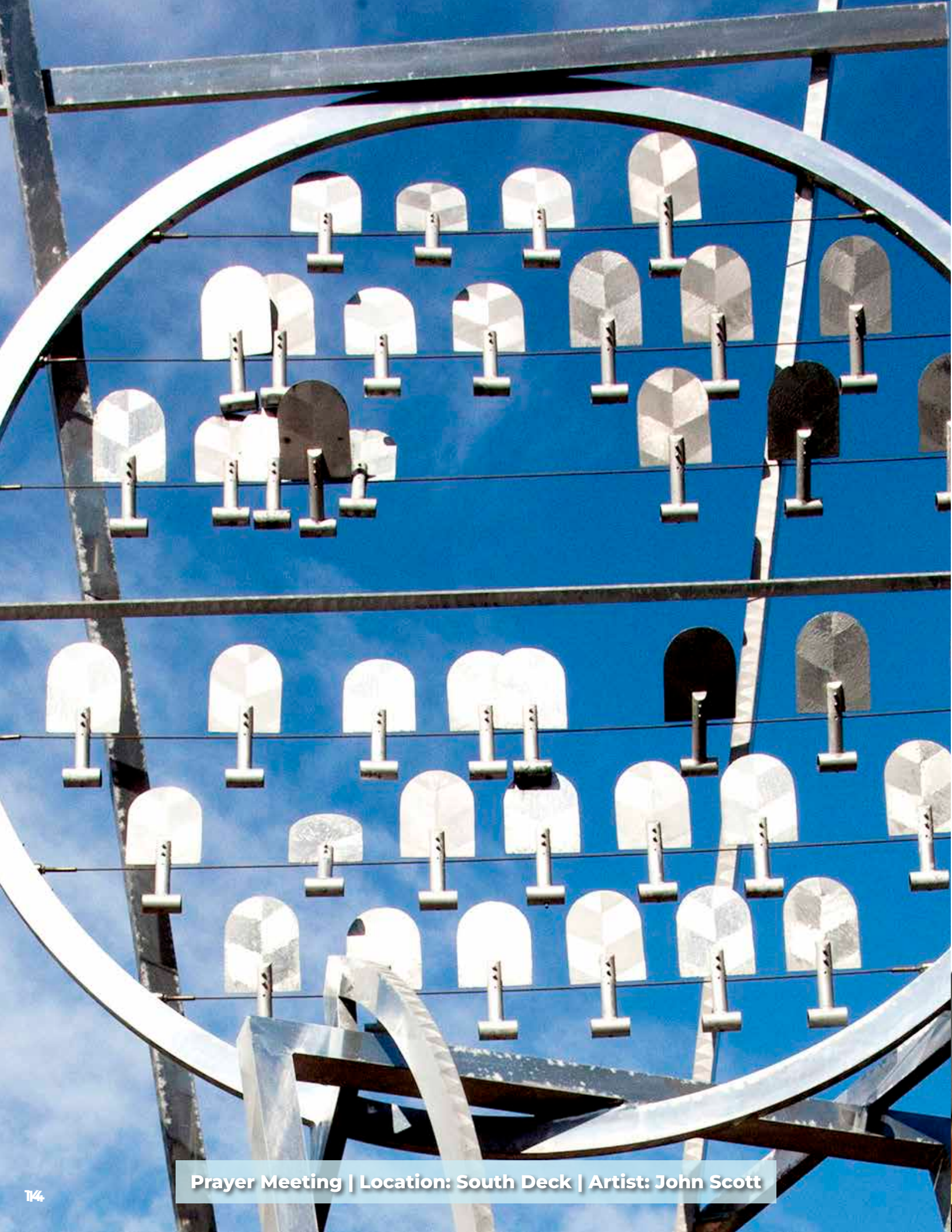


Elsy Denise Flores

Bachelor of Arts, Urban Education
College of Public Service

Elsie Flores is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Education with a focus on Bilingual Education (EC-6). Her journey began at UHD as a freshman, and she later inspired her older sister, Daisy, to join her. Flores excelled in several leadership roles while at UHD, serving as Vice President of the Bilingual Education Student Organization (BESO) and President of the Northwest Gators.

Elsie is currently working as a student teacher in a third-grade bilingual classroom in Cy-Fair ISD, working in the same school as her sister. She is the owner of three dogs, named Lou, Kylo, and Benny. Following graduation, Elsie plans to remain in Cy-Fair ISD, seeking an upper-level elementary position (second grade and up) where she can work alongside her sister.



Prayer Meeting | Location: South Deck | Artist: John Scott

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Master of Arts in Teaching

Alfreda Renae Donato
Landry Fredrick Jr.
Nancy J. Guilbeau
Miya Chante Parker
Abdul W. Qureshi
Abdelhamid Taha

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

Bachelor Programs

Karla Valeria Abrego ***
Olga Alejos Alejos ***
Shams Raad Alshawwi
Vannesa Alvarado ***
Ashley Symone Andrews *
Aqsa Ashraf ***
Perla J. Balderas ***
Dawn Greyling Barker Taylor **
Ana Carina Barona ***
Kiana Barrera Ortiz *
Latasha Nicole Bazile
Shelby Deborah Bedgood
Ingrid R. Benitez ***
Amanda Elena Berea ***
Bilal S. Bhatti
Alexis Ada Bones **
Nathaniel Anthony Briones

Paulina Briones *
Keona Ranecia Bryant ***
Kelsey Brooke Butcher
Jasmine Demi Cabrera *
Susan A. Caldwell **
Jonathan Daniel Castaneda ***
Jasmine Castro
Jazmine Soledad Castro **
Nayeli Castro *
Victoria Karina Caudillo ***
Nicole Rosley Cely **
Julissa Cepeda **
Shane Anthony Chandler
Arisbeth Chavarria
Sebastian Cifuentes ***
Leslie B. Claros **
Jenna Alexis Coakley ***
Keven Gustavo Contreras *
Abril Cordero *
Vicky Corral *
Jessi Michelle Coutee ***
Luis F. Cuevas *
Ricardo Enrique De La Cruz ***
Irene M. Denny ***
Michelle A. Diaz ***
Katy Donati ***
Carolina Elizalde
Madison Taylor Elliott
Olivia Garcia Enriquez
Erika C. Espana
Ricky Noel Espinosa
Miriam Espinoza
Heidi Anne Estrella-Calderon *
Maria Ferreyra ***
Breena Nicole Fennels
Daisy Lisette Flores ***
Elsy Denise Flores ***
Evelyn R. Flores **
Kaitlyn Nicole Flores ***
Yessenia Flores ***
Hillary Fobbs **

Dylan Wilde Forbis
Braden S. Foster ***
Joselin B. Fuentes ***
Arianna Celeste Fuhlbrigge ***
Katie Brianna Galdamez
Evelyn M. Galicia ***
Courtney L. Garbo
Evelyn S. Garcia ***
Sandy Garcia **
Penelope Eugenia Garcia Prada **
Benita Garcia Villa *
Brittany Garrett
Gursharan Singh Gill
Darielle Detrai Goffney
Emily K. Gomez
Jason Javier Gomez
Rosa Iris Gomez **
Stephanie Marie Gonzales
Christian Gonzalez
Emily Jaqueline Gonzalez *
Isaac Gonzalez
Jeremy Marlen Gonzalez **
Nehomarlis Camilynicole Gonzalez
Ingrid Stephanie Gonzalez Montano **
Ashley A. Griffin ***
Karen Alexa Guerrero ***
Sara Marie Guerrero *
Arnoldo Guerrero Mares
Jadienne Nicole Guillen
Vanessa Guzman *
Michelle Denise Haney ***
Cory Allen Hansen ***
Alexandria Blanche E. Harris
Anthony Edmond Hernandez *
Diana Judith Hernandez ***
Natalie Hernandez ***
Henry Arnold Hicks

Joseph C. Hoang **
 Ashley D. Hollimon **
 Brittnay Hooper *
 Tre'niese Lynette Jiles
 Tracy Michelle John
 Jamie Johnson *
 Rachel Johnson ***
 Gissel Juarez *
 Lesly Ruby Juarez ***
 Kamal Kalikotay
 Munira Kalolwala ***
 Keili Summer Lamb
 Candace Lee Lamoreaux *
 Iden Sang Le ***
 Stephanie Leal
 Jorge Ledezma *
 Nancy G. Leija
 Shawana Marie Leon
 Joshua Byron Lewis
 Christopher K. Lindsey
 Melissa Haseloff Lof **
 Gloria Elia Longoria Govea
 Luciano Lopez
 Sedney A. Lopez
 Jennifer Lopez Murillo ***
 Melody Sofia Lozano ***
 Julio Cesar Luna *
 Linda Ly ***
 Christian Janet Martinez ***
 Emily Jizelle Martinez
 Gabriela Paola Martinez
 Gabriela Martinez ***
 Jackelline M. Martinez **
 Karen Pamela Martinez **
 Paola Martinez **
 Perla Johana Martinez ***
 Suzanne Martinez *
 Yoselin M. Martinez ***
 Alexander Dario Matehuala **
 Kaylyn Nicole Mayorquin
 Kyle Eugene McClue **
 Jasmine A. Medina *
 Anel Lucero Medina Vallejo
 Sonia Janet Melchor ***
 Leslie Mendez ***
 Sonia Esther Mendez ***
 Chassidy Adash'E Mimms ***

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 Claudia Michelle Miranda ***
 Paola Alejandra Miranda **
 Bryant Felix Mora **
 Daniel Morales
 Jennifer Yaneth Morales ***
 Mireya J. Morfin
 Randi Diane Morris
 Matthew J. Motta
 Kalila Muhammad ***
 Martin A. Munos
 Itzel Nava ***
 Cherry Neal ***
 Kenneth Duong Nguyen **
 Quan Anh Nguyen **
 Tu T. Nguyen *
 Michael Jude Nixon
 Daniella Mary Obrien ***
 Ireland C. O'connell ***
 Jonathan J. Palomo Rodriguez
 Larisa Pardo ***
 Mark A. Peña **
 Alexandra Peña-Alonso ***
 Eduardo Aquiles Perez ***
 Steven Lee Perrett *
 Alayzia Jolay Pineda
 Jessica Tiesha Pride ***
 Cindy J. Quinones
 Monica Quinones *
 Tooba Arif Qureshi **
 Lekeisha Ariel Rabsatt **
 Sofia Ramirez **
 Nancy Elizabeth Ramirez Fajardo **
 Brian Jose Rapalo *
 Nancy Yamillet Revils **
 Rose Mary Reyes ***
 Johanna Elizabeth Reyes Lopez **
 Monique S. Riston
 Yesenia Roa *
 Moriah Joi Roberts *
 Jessica Alleaner Robinson
 Leslie A. Roch
 Ella Paulette Rodriguez ***
 Esmeralda Maria` Rodriguez **
 Hailey A. Rodriguez *
 Juliana Rodriguez ***
 Jason Rodriguez-Franco ***

Vivian Estrella Rodriguez-Jimenez
 Dulce Maria Rojas **
 Gabriela Martina Romero Hernandez
 Lesly N. Rosales ***
 Norma Alicia Ruiz *
 Samantha Ruiz **
 Celeste Sarahi Sanchez **
 Debbie Sandy Sanchez *
 Dulce Araceli Sanchez ***
 Paola Sanchez ***
 Priscilla Monica Sanchez
 Regina Ivonne Sanchez Valencia ***
 Salvador Aldair Sandoval
 Selena Sandoval ***
 Alice M. Santacruz
 Alondra J. Santana Muniz *
 Traci Lynn Santorella **
 Jailene Saucedo ***
 Renee Ann Schultz ***
 Sol Sebastian ***
 Vanessa Sebastian
 Griselda Matilde Segura *
 Zelin Johana Serrano
 Shrayne Ternise Sharkey ***
 Chamease Ann Shepherd ***
 Jessica Anaise Shquist
 Adilene Silva Rodriguez ***
 Gricelda Aguirre Smith **
 Rebecca Jeanette Solis ***
 Erika Vanessa Sorto **
 Karen Arely Sorto ***
 Jennifer R. Sosa
 Maria Michelle Soto Gonzalez ***
 Epiphany Louise Spates
 Derrick Dewayne Spencer *
 Tonesia La'shae Stevens
 Drew Martin Swain ***
 Jose Salvador Tamayo ***
 Mekala Alexandria Tawater ***
 Vasny Tirado
 Autumn Torres
 Cruz Aidee Torres **
 Nayelli Guadalupe Torres *
 Nayla Torres

* Cum Laude
 ** Magna Cum Laude
 *** Summa Cum Laude

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 Laury Tzic **
 Jenifer Gessel Tzorin **
 Dania Denise Umana ***
 Erika Natalia Urbina **
 Yessica De Los Angeles Urey
 Veronica Uscanga ***
 Destiny Be'nay Usher
 Ivan Valdez *
 Jazmin Carranza Vargas **
 Guadalupe Vasquez *
 Kricia Guadalupe Vasquez
 Vanessa Vega
 Jessica Christine Vences
 Jarely Vidana ***
 Emily Michelle Villagomez ***
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 Esmeralda Azucena Villarreal ***
 Ovando Villarreal ***
 Sandra A. Villarreal
 Emily E. Villarreal Islas **
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 Angie Marie Wences **
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** Magna Cum Laude

*** Summa Cum Laude





Cloud Deck | Location: Shea Street Building | Artist: Jacob Hashimoto

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

MARILYN DAVIES COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

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
Veaney Mendoza Gott
Robert Marquis Green
Angelina Maria Gulli
Yvette N. Gusman
Jacobo 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

* Cum Laude
** Magna Cum Laude
*** Summa Cum Laude



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
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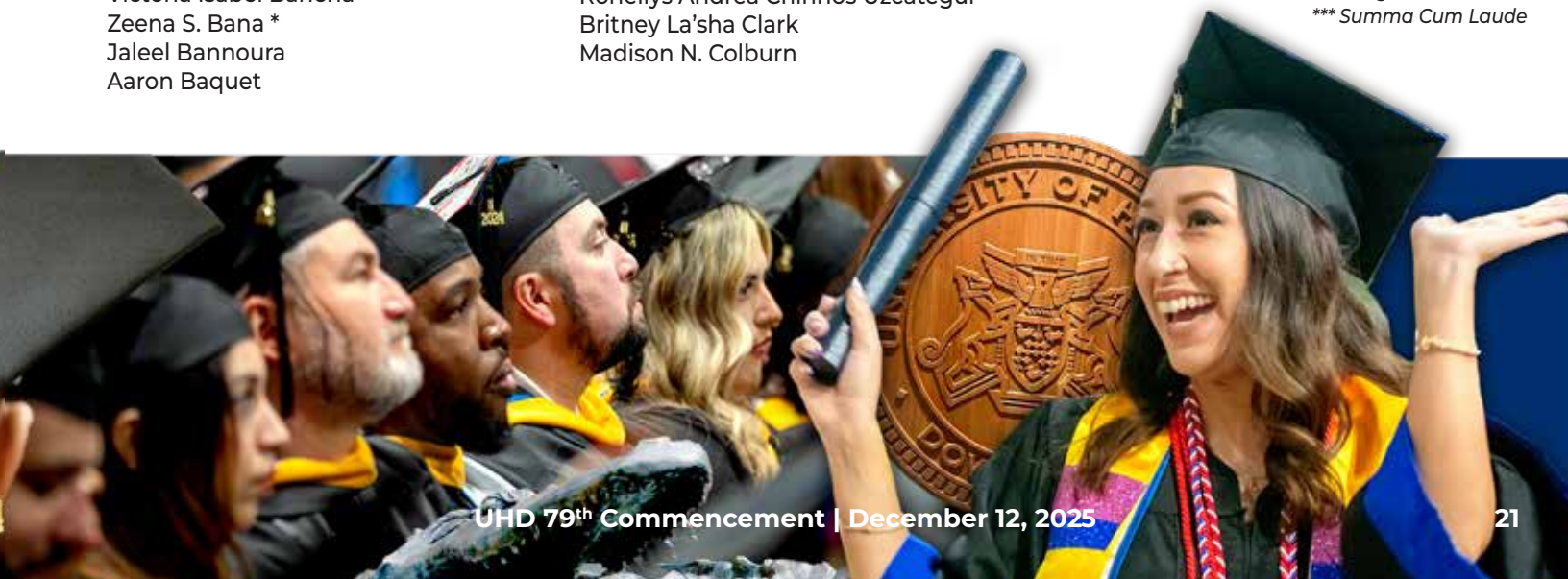
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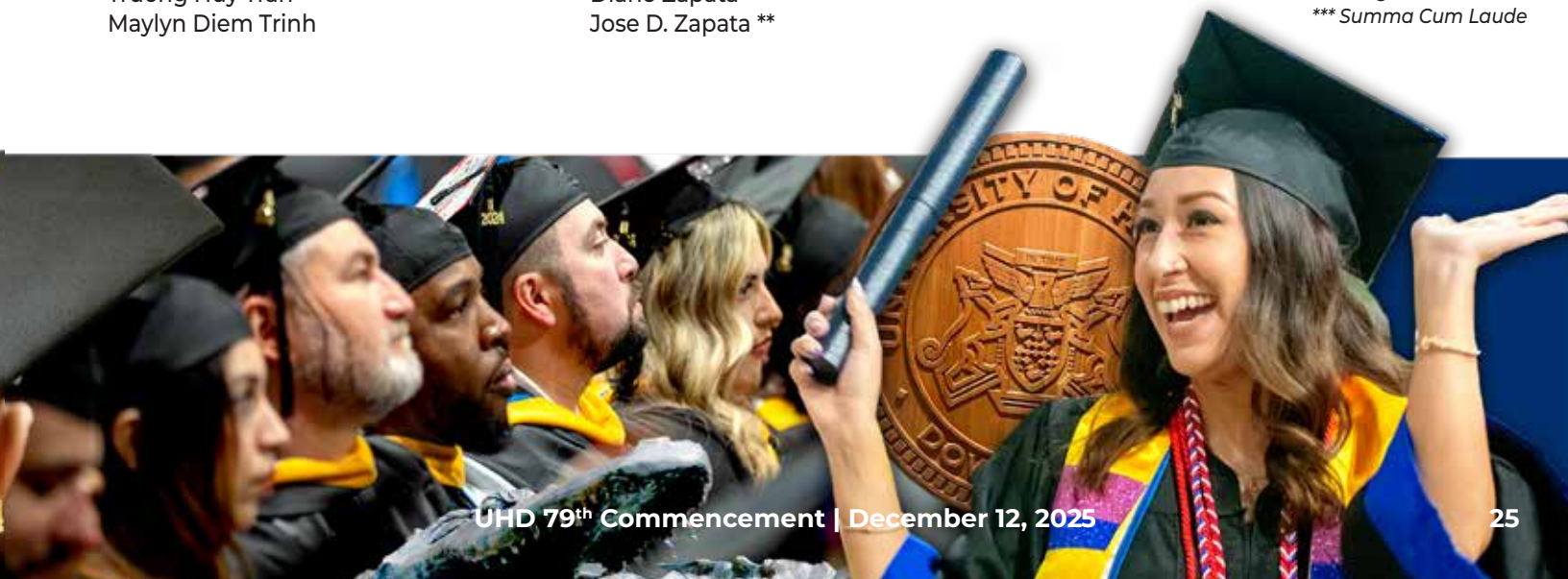


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Pre-ceremony	Mariachi Emperadores De Mexico
Processional	
Call to Order	Godwin Agboka Grand Marshal
Welcome	Loren J. Blanchard, Ph.D. President
National Anthem	Jackelene Bravo, Soprano - UHD Student
Recognition of Platform Party	Deborah E. Bordelon, Ph.D. Senior Vice President Academic Affairs and Provost
Greetings from the University of Houston System Board of Regents	The Honorable Adrian Caraves Student Regent
Student Speaker	Gianna Testut College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Commencement Address	Khori Dastoor General Director and CEO, Houston Grand Opera
President's Remarks	Loren J. Blanchard, Ph.D.
Presentation of Degree Candidates	Akif Uzman, Ph.D. Dean, College of Sciences and Technology Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Ph.D. Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Conferral and Awarding of Degrees	Loren J. Blanchard, Ph.D. Deborah E. Bordelon, Ph.D.
Concluding Remarks	Deborah E. Bordelon, Ph.D.
Alma Mater / Standing Proud (UH Downtown)	Jackelene Bravo, Soprano - UHD Student Indirani Venkatakrishnan, Soprano - UHD Student Kenni Freedman, Oboe - UHD Student
Recessional	Mariachi Emperadores De Mexico

Calling of Degrees by Susan Henney, Ph.D., Professor, Social Sciences and
Timothy Redl, Ph.D., Professor, Mathematics and Statistics

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Godwin Agboka, PH.D., Department of English

Associate Grand Marshal

Vaishali Chaubal, PH.D. Department of Natural Sciences

GUEST SPEAKER



Khori Dastoor

General Director and CEO, **Houston Grand Opera**

Khori Dastoor, General Director and CEO of Houston Grand Opera since 2021, possesses an unwavering dedication to the transformative power of art, its role in ensuring civic vitality, and the vital importance of accessibility. She has championed initiatives to ensure every member of Houston's diverse international community has access to fine art, expanding HGO's programming to cater to multigenerational audiences and extend beyond the theater walls.

Named one of Houston's Most Admired CEOs by the Houston Business Journal (2023) and honored as a one of the city's 50 Most Influential Women by Houston Woman Magazine (2022), Dastoor serves as a board member for organizations including OPERA America and the Greater Houston Partnership, in addition to judging young-artist competitions including the Richard Tucker Awards, the Metropolitan Opera's Laffont Competition, and this fall's Paris Opera Competition.

Dastoor is a frequent guest lecturer at Yale University, the National Opera Association, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Aspen Music Festival and School, the New England Conservatory, the Juilliard School, the Music Academy of the West, University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music, New York's LaGuardia Performing Arts High School, and Houston's Kinder High School for the Performing Arts.

Since assuming leadership of HGO, Dastoor has spearheaded the company's partnership with Apple Music Classical and launched the new Houston Grand Opera recording label to expand the company's global reach. The label's first release, a recording of Jake Heggie's company commissioned 2023 world-premiere opera *Intelligence*, was nominated for a 2026 GRAMMY Award for Best Opera Recording. This fall, HGO became the only American institution to be nominated for Company of the Year in the 2025 International Opera Awards.

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STUDENT SPEAKER



Gianna Testut

Bachelor of Science, Psychology
College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Gianna Testut, a mother of two, wife, and Marine Corps veteran, is the personification of Gator grit. During the COVID 19 pandemic she contracted the virus, which triggered the development of a rare eye disease, Acute Posterior Multifocal Placoid Pigment Epitheliopathy, which led to near total blindness for eight months. That experience, combined with a long-held interest in the workings of the human mind, inspired her to return to school and finish her degree.

During her two years at UHD, Testut made frequent appearances on the Dean's List, an achievement she says is due in part due to the supportive faculty with whom she worked, most notably Dr. Katrina Ruffino, Professor of Psychology, in whose class Testut was able to study early childhood discipline and how it impacts a child's development.

That course, along with several others, has helped Testut narrow her academic focus to the biological operation of the brain, a focus she will pursue following graduation, as she plans to enroll in an accelerated nursing program followed by a master's program, all with the goal of becoming a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner.

Outside of school, Testut spends her free time exploring East Asian art and culture, a passion she developed while stationed in Japan, as well as rescuing pit bulls that have had difficulty finding a home.

Beginning her time at UHD as a nervous, unsure student, she says she now feels like a new person, filled with well-deserved and hard-earned confidence, both in herself and her ability to pursue and achieve her goals.





Contemplating Success | Location: Commerce Street Building | Artist: Floyd Newsum

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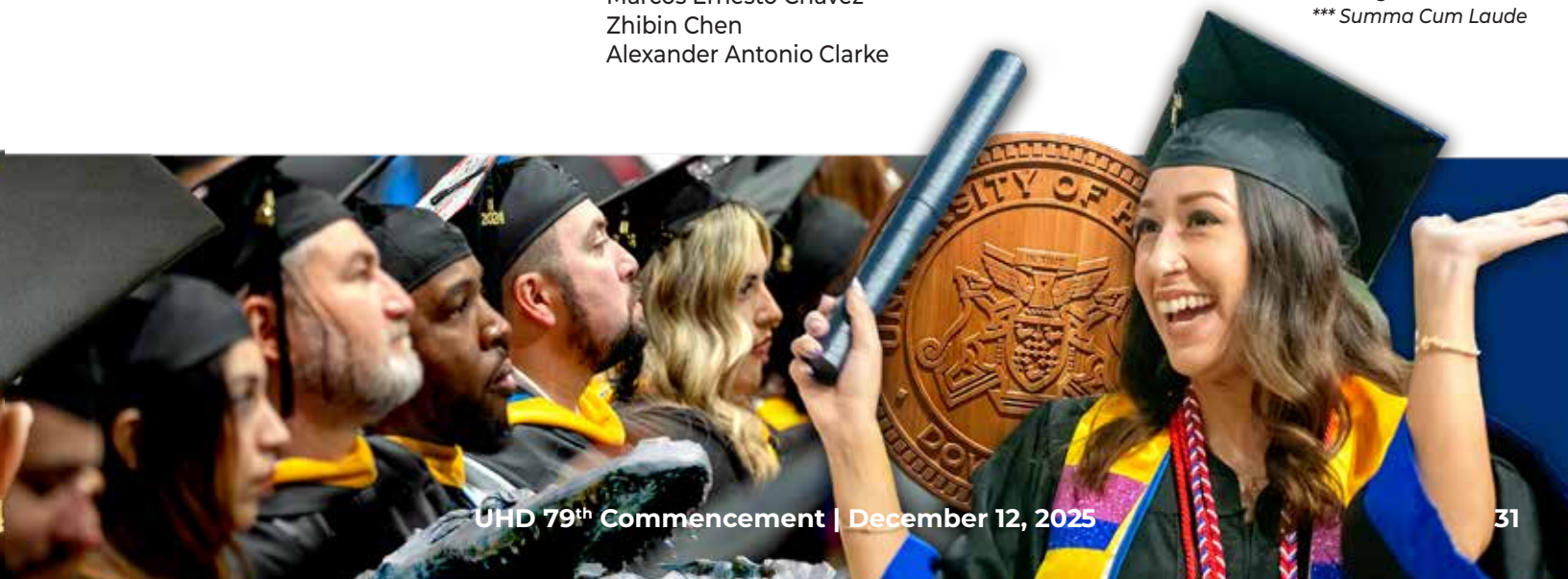
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