

HOUSTON CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

COMMENCEMENT



December 16, 2022

Lead On, O King Eternal

LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6 D

Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888

Henry Thomas Smart, c. 1835

1. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, The day of march has come;
2. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: We fol - low, not with fears;

Hence - forth in fields of con - quest Thy tents shall be our home:
And ho - li - ness shall whis - per The sweet a - men of peace;
For glad - ness breaks like morn - ing Wher - e'er Thy face ap - pears;

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion Thy grace has made us strong,
For not with swords' loud clash - ing, Nor roll of stir - ring drums;
Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; We jour - ney in its light:

And now, O King e - ter - nal, We lift our bat - tle song.
With deeds of love and mer - cy The heav - en - ly king - dom comes.
The crown a - waits the con - quest; Lead on, O God of might.

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COMMENCEMENT

Seven o'clock in the evening
December sixteenth, two thousand twenty-two
Dunham Football Field, Husky Stadium

Dr. Stanley Napper
Presiding

*Welcome	Prof. Vicki Alger <i>Assistant Professor of Psychology</i>
*Processional.	<i>Processional in C Major</i> Arnold Sherman Dr. Rhonda Furr, <i>Organ</i>
*Scripture	Mary Suzanne Napper '22
*Invocation	Aja Jones '22
Hymn.	Lead On, O King Eternal Lancashire Dr. Kevin Klotz, <i>Tenor</i> Dr. Rhonda Furr, <i>Organ</i>
Greetings	Dr. Stanley Napper, <i>Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Special Music.	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i> John Francis Wade Mon'Sher Spencer, <i>Mezzo Soprano</i>
Charge to the Graduates	Dr. Robert B. Sloan, <i>President</i>
Recommendation of Class of 2022	Dr. Stanley Napper
Board of Trustees Approval of Degrees	Rev. Garry Blackmon <i>Chair, Board of Trustees</i>
Conferring of Degrees	Dr. Robert B. Sloan
Presentation of Degrees	Deans and Faculty, Colleges and Schools Announcement of Graduates
Welcome to the Alumni Association.	Damon Maddox '00, MBA '02
*Benediction	Isabella Marie Padilla '22
*Alma Mater.	<i>Hail the Orange and Blue</i> Hinton-Looser Dr. Kevin Klotz, <i>Tenor</i> Dr. Rhonda Furr, <i>Organ</i>
*Recessional	<i>Fanfare and Processional</i> Keith Chapman Dr. Rhonda Furr, <i>Organ</i>

** All who are willing and able, please stand.*

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The following degrees and certificates will be awarded upon completion of all requirements.

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UNDERGRADUATE HONORS

- ★ cum laude: grade point average of 3.50 to 3.69 on a 4.00 scale
 - ★★ magna cum laude: grade point average of 3.70 to 3.89 on a 4.00 scale
 - ★★★ summa cum laude: grade point average of 3.90 to 4.00 on a 4.00 scale
- (Based on a minimum of 60 semester alpha hours in residence.)

THE PAGEANTRY OF ACADEMIC REGALIA

One of the more colorful aspects of a university commencement is the tradition of academic regalia developed by academic institutions in recognition of the accomplishments of scholars. American academic dress in the twenty-first century identifies specific degrees by distinctive robes and hoods.

The Robe

The robe for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. The robe for the master's degree has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist, with the sleeve base hanging down in the traditional manner. The robe for the doctor's degree has a bell-shaped sleeve, with velvet panels and sleeve chevrons in black velvet or in distinctive colors representing the academic discipline.

The Hood

The hood is the most colorful feature of academic regalia. The outside of the hood is black trimmed with an edging of velvet or velveteen, in a color distinctive of the subject to which the degree pertains.

<i>White</i>	Arts, Letters and Humanities
<i>Drab</i>	Business Administration
<i>Copper</i>	Economics
<i>Light Blue</i>	Education
<i>Brown</i>	Fine Arts
<i>Peacock Blue</i>	Government
<i>Purple</i>	Law
<i>Lemon</i>	Library Science
<i>Pink</i>	Music
<i>Apricot</i>	Nursing
<i>Dark Blue or Black</i>	Philosophy
<i>Gold</i>	Computer Sciences, Statistics and Science
<i>White</i>	Sociology
<i>Scarlet</i>	Theology or Divinity

The hood is lined with the official color or colors of the university conferring the degree. HCU graduates proudly wear the Orange and Blue of their Alma Mater.

THE UNIVERSITY MACE

The university mace is borne by the college marshal preceding the president in all academic processions. A mace was carried as a readily available weapon for the opening of official events in medieval England but later became a ceremonial symbol of office.

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TEN PILLARS 2030

The Core Convictions of HCU

Pillar I: God, the Creator of a Good and Knowable World

Pillar II: A Plan of Restoration

Pillar III: The Importance of Human Agency

Pillar IV: A Renewed People

Pillar V: A Mandate to Understand the World

Pillar VI: Learning and Teaching as Discipleship

Pillar VII: Life, Marriage, Gender, and Humanness

Pillar VIII: Governmental Institutions

Pillar IX: The Christian University

Pillar X: The Mystery of Unity in Christ

Houston Christian University has a history of affirming these particular ways of thinking and living, which we hereby describe as Ten Pillars. These convictions are an essential part of the traditional beliefs and commitments of the University. They are set forth here to bring to mind the ten physical pillars that are now iconic on our campus and thus represent the durable historical and theological commitments that undergird our practices and enable us to translate our worldview, Preamble, and mission into academic programs, curricular structures, and habits of the mind and heart. HCU confesses and takes shelter under these Ten Pillars.

Unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees
September 20, 2022

OUR MISSION

The mission of Houston Christian University is to provide a learning experience that instills in students a passion for academic, spiritual, and professional excellence as a result of our central confession, "Jesus Christ is Lord."

Unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees
February 24, 2009

Hail the Orange and Blue

William H. Hinton

Donald Looser

The musical score is written on a single staff in 3/4 time, featuring a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the corresponding notes. The score is divided into eight lines, each starting with a measure number (1, 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 25, 29). The lyrics are as follows:

1 In the great state of Tex - as, Hous-ton, U. S. A.

5 Stands our no - ble al - ma ma - ter, Christ say - ing, "I am the way."

9 In our search for know - ledge, tem - pered with thy love.

13 Seek - ing our place of ser - vice with wis - dom from a - bove.

17 Give us cour - age, strength and faith. To face a world filled with fear.

21 E - ver on - ward to the chal - lenge, know - ing Thou art near.

25 God bless our school. Keep her safe and true.

29 God bless our al - ma ma - ter. Hail the Orange and Blue.

HOUSTON CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

After several years of consideration, research, and prayerful review, the leadership of Houston Baptist University unanimously approved the decision to change its name to Houston Christian University. This new name more accurately reflects our student body, faculty, staff, alumni, and the community we serve. The name “Houston Christian University” is welcoming to the many students enrolled who come from many different denominations of the Christian faith, as well as those who claim no faith. It clarifies who we are, a distinctly Christian university that welcomes all students to benefit from our excellent academic programs.

The Nature of the Institution was approved by the Board of Trustees in 1961 ... and will not change. Likewise, the mission of Houston Christian University remains unchanged.

In announcing the name change to University family and friends, Dr. Robert Sloan stated, “This University is truly a transformative place because of your support. Like you, we believe that authentic and faithful Christian higher education, rooted in a scriptural worldview, is ever more critical in a fractured society in need of reconciliation, hope, and healing. Thank you for the many ways—by prayer, word of mouth, financial contributions, and influence—that you allow all of us to be part of God’s work in this world.

The University’s mission and core convictions, which we call The Ten Pillars 2030, remain the same, deeply rooted in the authoritative Word of God. HCU’s historic Christian commitments have not and will not change.”

The Nature of the Institution

The Houston Christian University is a Christian liberal arts university dedicated to the development of moral character, the enrichment of spiritual lives, and the perpetuation of growth in Christian ideals. Founded under the providence of God and with the conviction that there is a need for a university in this community that will train the minds, develop the moral character and enrich the spiritual lives of all people who may come within the ambit of its influence, HOUSTON CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY shall stand as a witness for Jesus Christ expressed directly through its administration, faculty and students. To assure the perpetuation of these basic concepts of its founders, it is resolved that all those who become associated with Houston Christian University as a trustee, officer, member of the faculty or of the staff, and perform work connected with the educational activities of the University, must believe in the divine inspiration of the Bible, both the Old Testament and New Testament, that man was directly created by God, the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, as the Son of God, that He died for the sins of all men and thereafter arose from the grave, that by repentance and acceptance of and belief in Him, by the grace of God, the individual is saved from eternal damnation and receives eternal life in the presence of God; and it is further resolved that the ultimate teachings in this University shall never be inconsistent with the above principles.

Preamble to the Bylaws
February 1961