



# COMMENCEMENT



DECEMBER 16, 2023

# 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

Nine o'clock in the morning  
December sixteenth, two thousand twenty-three  
Dunham Theater, Morris Cultural Arts Center

Dr. Stanley A. Napper  
Presiding

- \*Welcome ..... Dr. John R. Brooks  
*Archie W. Dunham College of Business*
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Mr. John Kirk, *Organ*
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- \*Invocation ..... Stephanie Perea Bryant '23
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# DEGREE CANDIDATES

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

## ARCHIE W. DUNHAM COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Oluwaseun Bolatiwa Adegunle  
*General Business*

Ashly Montavia McGowen  
*Business Administration*

Bailey Schoener  
*General Business*

Roger Holwyn Joseph  
*Business Administration*

Aaron Raymond Salazar  
*General Business*

Leonard Lee Valka III  
*General Business*

### BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Hannah Elizabeth Andrews  
*Marketing*

Luke Xavier Horner★  
*Finance*

Prosper Munachimso Princewill★  
*International Business*

Michelle Aranda  
*Marketing*

Elyse Breana King  
*Marketing*

Ashley J. Ramirez  
*Accounting*

Shenane Lanette Boston★  
*Management*

Jessica Lagunes  
*Management*

Joaquin Alberto Ramirez★  
*Accounting*

Shawn Jarvail Brown Jr.  
*Management*

Omowunmi Oluremi Madojutimi  
*Management*

Alejandro Rueda  
*Finance*

Gabriel E. Cardenas★★★  
*Accounting*

Aayush Dhoj Mahat★★  
*Marketing*

Stephen Salah Tahtouh★★  
*Marketing*

Paola E. Elias Rivas★★  
*Marketing*

Jasmine Arianne Martinez★★  
*International Business*

Aldo Antonio Tarantini Pacheco  
*Management*

Kerri Ann Ellis★★★  
*Management*

Matthew Duy-Quan Nguyen  
*Marketing*

Valentine Maichi Tran★★  
*Accounting*

Liliana Nicole Estrada★★  
*Management*

Ana Gabriela Penado★★  
*Marketing*

Jaqueline Valdez★★★  
*Accounting*

Ismael Lamarcus Fuller  
*Management*

Sparkle Domonique Pickney★  
*International Business*

Mariaunah Aleah West★  
*Marketing*

## MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Brian Gregory Bergeron  
D'Ondrea Antoniette Berry  
Stephanie Perea Bryant  
Yessica Maribel Conner  
Catherine A. Erigha  
Paulo James Genitiano  
Mason D. Ghidina

William Garrett Gibson  
John Nathan Gonzales  
Jennifer Janae Griffiths  
DeJahn TiJay Ingram  
Jordan Elizabeth Jenkins  
Jacqueline Mendez  
Madison Mineros

Asma Akbarali Momin  
Tomisin Susan Yetunde Shabi  
Henry McClean Suman  
William Addison Thorn  
Katelyn Leigh Valeria  
Tracy Necole Vennus

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

Abraham Steve González  
*Human Resources Management*

Kimberly Ruiz  
*Human Resources Management*

Brea Nicole Whitfield  
*Management & Entrepreneurship*

Josephine Chikaodinaka Ighosewe  
*Human Resources Management*

Sawyer William Schoenfield  
*Management & Entrepreneurship*

Anita Chinedu Wopara  
*Human Resources Management*

Lecina Marie Linehan  
*Management & Entrepreneurship*

Amber Hasley Thomas  
*Human Resources Management*

## COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

David Achimugu  
*Cyber Engineering*

John Richard Fallows★★  
*Mathematics*

Brianna Kaitlyn Pacheco  
*Biology*

Olachi Stephanie Ajawara  
*Computer Science*

Kaley Kate Feris★★  
*Biology*

Ethan Pham  
*Biology*

Adebambo Aladeitan  
*Electrical Engineering*

Joakim Elie Marcus Kanaan  
*Cyber Engineering*

Angel John Phillip★★★  
*Biochemistry-Molecular Biology*

Malerie D. Badillo  
*Biochemistry-Molecular Biology*

Saarah Khan  
*Biology*

Tasheba Shawntae Pleasant  
*Biology*

David Osei Bonsu  
*Biology*

Riley Quinn Martin★★  
*Biology*

Aaishah Rahat★★  
*Computer Science*

Ebony Renee Chrysostom  
*Biology*

Hope Janielle McGinnis  
*Biology*

Jumana Hasan Salman  
*Biology*

Zakaria El Abdi  
*Biochemistry-Molecular Biology*

Orion Steven Olivas★★  
*Biology*

Kaitlyn Faith Thomas  
*Biology*

Katherine Elizabeth Escobar Cruz  
*Biology*

Jaylene Franshae Ortiz★★  
*Biology*

Constantin Zod★★★  
*Biochemistry-Molecular Biology*

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## SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Cynthia Nicole Brunson  
*Biblical Studies*

Christian T. Dubose  
*Biblical Studies*

### MASTER OF ARTS

Jeffrey Tenney Applegate  
*Christian Leadership*

Alejandro Garza  
*Apologetics*

Mellowdee Tibbs  
*Theological Studies*

Shawn Alan Cardner  
*Apologetics*

Anna Danielle McClendon  
*Christian Leadership*

Yoselin Paola Vasquez Morales  
*Theological Studies*

Rodolfo Miguel Castro Sr.  
*Theological Studies*

Jesse Albert Sanchez  
*Theological Studies*

Nicholas Chaplin Womble  
*Theological Studies*

Alfred L. Curtis  
*Christian Leadership*

Benjamin Christian Sharp  
*Apologetics*

## SCHOOL OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Rafael Hernandez Jr.  
*Kinesiology-Sport Management*

Israel Ochoa  
*Kinesiology-Sport Management*

Emily Yuridia Jaimes★  
*Kinesiology-Sport Management*

Luke Austin Zylicz★★  
*Kinesiology-Sport Management*

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Nayeli Sarai Aleman  
*Kinesiology-Wellness Management*

Joanne Mary Mathew★  
*Kinesiology-Wellness Management*

Lizeth Marie Robinson★★★  
*Kinesiology-Wellness Management*

Payton Adreann Eernisse  
*Kinesiology-Wellness Management*

Xavier Isaiah McIntyre★  
*Kinesiology-Wellness Management*

Mariah Aliyah Rodriguez  
*Kinesiology-Wellness Management*

Kaleb Halfmann  
*Kinesiology-Wellness Management*

Marissa G. Morrison★  
*Kinesiology-Allied Health*

Rasha Shafiq Syed  
*Kinesiology-Wellness Management*

Mollee D'Neal Henicke★★  
*Kinesiology-Wellness Management*

Precious Chiemelie Okafor  
*Kinesiology-Wellness Management*

Lordswill O. Uwa-Ndukwe★  
*Kinesiology-Wellness Management*

Solomon David Klimeck  
*Kinesiology-Wellness Management*

Christina Jemima Ravikumar Manuel★★★  
*Kinesiology-Wellness Management*

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## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Maggie Carpenter	Nathan Koshy Jacob★★	Abigail Grace Ritter★
Kendrick Christopher Cirilo★	Eric Alexandar Joseph★★	Reian Monique Lagundino Rivera★
Jessica Lynn Cornell	Mia R. Martin★	Katherine Maritza Romero Benitez★★★
Florence Enyindah-Monsi	Ivette Ann Melendez	Jessica Sarabia★
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Elise Jan Gonzales★	Chioma Ogboi	Jacqueline Vasquez
Sofia Lorena Guzman★	Victoria Elizabeth Parada	Kassandra Villarreal★
Kiersten Lee Henley	Angelica Perez	Allison Mae Yocum
Emily Edelmira Hernandez★	Gabrielle Corin Renderos★	

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

Erika Shavon Bushnell <i>Kinesiology-Sport Management</i>	Christian Jeremiah Hood <i>Kinesiology-Sport Management</i>	Tajanaye Zaviyon Spiller <i>Kinesiology-Sport Management</i>
Nicholas Diwon Glenn Jr. <i>Kinesiology-Sport Management</i>	Arthur Marquis Lockett <i>Kinesiology-Sport Management</i>	

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Christiana Chikere Adesina <i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>	Ngozi Helen Eluma <i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>	Cindy L. Ruiz Valencia <i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>
Yaneira Barrera <i>Pediatric Nurse Practitioner</i>	Barbara Adelia Layman Williams <i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>	Jasmine Hien-Thanh Tieu <i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>
Lilian Moindi Bosire <i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>	Geeta Venezia Patel <i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>	Michelle Espinosa Valle <i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>
Lindsey Beck Bradley <i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>	Norma Leticia Perez <i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>	Monikeo Tek Williamson <i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>
Alianet Diaz Enriquez <i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>	Crystal Rogers <i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>	

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## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Chigozie Achara  
*Interdisciplinary Studies*

NoorAlHuda O. AlGhadi★★  
*Political Science*

Darnell Alexandra Arriaza  
*Spanish/Criminal Justice*

Marisol Rubi Balderas★★★  
*Political Science*

Donna L. Browning  
*Interdisciplinary Studies*

Heather Ann Chappelle  
*Interdisciplinary Studies*

Rose M. Collins  
*Criminal Justice*

Chasity Rose Escobar  
*Interdisciplinary Studies*

Zarahi Lee Estrada  
*Interdisciplinary Studies*

Phaigan Elise Fleming  
*Family Studies*

Melly Guadalupe Flores★★  
*English*

Justin Fomby  
*Interdisciplinary Studies*

Hannah Marie Freund★★★  
*Family Studies*

E. Tamuza George  
*Interdisciplinary Studies*

H. Wilson Glenn  
*Interdisciplinary Studies*

Lonicko Harden★  
*Interdisciplinary Studies*

Madeleine Kaye Henry★★  
*Music*

Quantasha Lynn Hunter  
*Interdisciplinary Studies*

Ransom Lee Jacobson  
*Interdisciplinary Studies*

Alexis D. Johnson  
*Interdisciplinary Studies*

Collin Timothy Allen Kulesha★★★  
*English*

Katherine Jane Lazor★★  
*Political Science*

Suzette K. Matejowsky  
*Interdisciplinary Studies*

Chelsea S. McKinney★★  
*Medical Humanities*

Paola S. Meza  
*Medical Humanities*

Kylene L. Miller★  
*Music*

Arnold William Morell  
*Interdisciplinary Studies*

Kolby Dellis Patton★★  
*Narrative Arts*

Charlotte Irene Perez  
*Interdisciplinary Studies*

Karl Kayvon Reynolds  
*Interdisciplinary Studies*

Laura Ann Rogers★★  
*Music*

Camila Sanchez  
*Interdisciplinary Studies*

Destiny Marie Sanchez  
*Criminal Justice*

Matthew Phillip Silverman  
*Interdisciplinary Studies*

Kathy Alexandra Stewart★  
*Political Science*

Onome Vivian Tawo  
*Interdisciplinary Studies*

Destani A. Vargas  
*History*

Bailey Reese Wilson  
*Interdisciplinary Studies*

Victoria Neveah Wilson★  
*Medical Humanities*

Gabby Livier Zacamitzin  
*Medical Humanities*

## BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Izel Magaly Garcia Cano  
*Graphic Design*

Danae Andrea Pineda  
*Graphic Design*

Jonah Pascual  
*Interactive Media & Digital Design*

Alexzandria Symone Taylor★  
*Cinematic Arts*

## BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Andrew Duy Vu  
*Piano Performance*

## MASTER OF ARTS

Eunshil Park  
*Philosophy*

Damien Joseph Santiamo  
*History*

## MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Constance Morris Yowell  
*Studio Art*

## MASTER OF LIBERAL ARTS

Sarah Kathryn Ringer  
*Liberal Arts*

# COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

Clarissa Yolanda Banegas★★★  
*Psychology*

Tonya Shontell Greenwood★  
*Psychology*

Alexa Brielle Salazar  
*Psychology*

Maleena Elise Bennett★★  
*Psychology*

Surya Olani Jones  
*Psychology*

Ashley N. Salazar  
*Psychology*

Letitia Logan Beyts  
*Psychology*

Elizabeth Musick  
*Psychology*

Jene' Truth Samuels★★  
*Psychology*

Charles Ross Fletcher II★  
*Psychology*

Janet Chinaza Okoroji★  
*Psychology*

Tonyia M. Terry-Dockery★  
*Psychology*

Desiree A. Gamble  
*Psychology*

Christie Pena Elizarraraz  
*Psychology*

Jeidi Yamileth Velasquez  
*Psychology*

Brooklynn Gau  
*Psychology*

Jauna Nicole Pike  
*Psychology*

Gladys Ezinne Wokocha  
*Psychology*

Leslie Ann Granados★★  
*Psychology*

Marleny Salas★  
*Psychology*

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## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Emily Yanira Campos★  
*Elementary Education (EC-6) with ESL*

Jessica J'Nai Hall  
*Elementary Education (EC-6) with ESL*

Roman Eliseo Macareno★★  
*Social Studies (7-12) with Teacher Certification & ESL*

Jennifer Vanessa Ortiz★★★  
*Bilingual Elementary Education*

Briana Karolina Wofford★★  
*Elementary Education (EC-6) with ESL*

## MASTER OF ARTS

Hunaina Akbar  
*Marriage & Family Therapy*

Rachel M. Baker  
*Christian Psychological Studies*

Carla Rashon Blizzard  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Emily Bryan Bullion  
*Christian Counseling*

Kelsey Cabrera  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Sinia Campos  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Jennifer Marleni Chevez  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Myra Marie Davis  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Hanan F. Del Rio  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Oscar Martin Del Toro  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Jacqueline A. Dominguez  
*Marriage & Family Therapy*

Jonathan D. Foster  
*Marriage & Family Therapy*

Erika Alexis Freeman  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Stephanie Garcia  
*Psychology*

Taylor Elizabeth Gauthia  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Bianca Gaytan-Dyer  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Leonela Araceli Gonzalez  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Gerardo Guel  
*Christian Psychological Studies*

Virginia Erin Henley  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Brittaney Honoré  
*Marriage & Family Therapy*

Jeffrey Connor Hook  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Cami Rose Beekman Jones  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Yazmine Simone Kelley  
*Human Services*

Brittany Lynne Klaus  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Destiny Pierpont Lopez  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Jacqueline M. Lopez  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

McKenna Malloy  
*Marriage & Family Therapy*

Carmen Denise Mcelhaney  
*Marriage & Family Therapy*

Becky O. Mitchell  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Sheree Michelle Morgan  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Laurencia Vivi Nwankwo  
*Marriage & Family Therapy*

Angela M. Perreau  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Vivian Vanessa Quintanilla  
*Marriage & Family Therapy*

Sarai I. Quinteros  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Brooke Elaine Rigsby  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Anna Marie Rivera  
*Human Services*

Dairyn Rocio Salguero  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Kristine Elizabeth Samuel  
*Christian Psychological Studies*

Shamsheer Kaur Sanghera  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Amanda Jean Simmons  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Amy Jo Simpson  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Christ-Lynn Smith  
*Human Services*

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Keaton James Soileau  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Brian L. Steele  
*Human Services*

Ellen M. Swanson  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Nicole Alexcia Thompson  
*Marriage & Family Therapy*

Serena L. Thompson  
*Marriage & Family Therapy*

Adriana Michelle Villarreal  
*Psychology*

Shannon L. Walker-James  
*Human Services*

Tameka LaShea Washington  
*Human Services*

Aliyah Ranay White  
*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Kimberly Anne Williams  
*Marriage & Family Therapy*

## MASTER OF EDUCATION

Anselmo Barrera Jr.  
*Higher Education*

Sabrina Bell  
*Curriculum & Instruction*

Donte' Derrell Chatman  
*Curriculum & Instruction*

Beagan Dianne Dancer  
*Curriculum & Instruction*

Laura Kathleen Dinnin  
*Educational Diagnostician*

Lynette Michelle Garrett-Lemon  
*Curriculum & Instruction with Certification*

Mashall Lynn Lowry  
*Higher Education*

Javonte' E. Mims  
*Higher Education*

Angelique Jossett Ollison  
*Curriculum & Instruction*

Clarissa Ramirez-Mendiola  
*Higher Education*

Lisa Rena Williams  
*Educational Diagnostician*

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

Brittnai Lashae Brown  
*Learning, Technology & Design*

Jasmine Desselle  
*Learning, Technology & Design*

Adrienne D. Heflin-Moses  
*Learning, Technology & Design*

Victoria Del Carmen Huevo  
*Learning, Technology & Design*

Korey Don Langford  
*Learning, Technology & Design*

Kamisha Moses  
*Learning, Technology & Design*

Chanell Reed  
*Learning, Technology & Design*

Myah Rayshel Simon  
*Learning, Technology & Design*

Katherine Stephanie Soto  
*Learning, Technology & Design*

Kennedy L. Wilson  
*Learning, Technology & Design*

Juanessa D. Winkfield  
*Learning, Technology & Design*

## DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Nay Shaynome Armstrong-Chevalier  
*Executive Leadership in Mental Health & Human Services*

*EDUCATING STUDENTS IN AN ALTERNATIVE-  
INSTRUCTIONAL SETTING: ASSESSMENT OF MENTAL  
HEALTH CONSEQUENCES*

Christopher Sean Gordon  
*Executive Educational Leadership*

*THE FATHER EFFECT: THE IMPACT OF FATHERS IN  
THE HOUSEHOLD ON THE HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC  
ACHIEVEMENT, SELF-EFFICACY AND COLLEGE  
READINESS OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALES*

Tara Beth Mullin  
*Executive Leadership in Mental Health & Human Services*

*PAWSITIVE TOUCH: INVESTIGATING THE IMPACT  
OF FACILITY DOGS ON PEDIATRIC PATIENT COPING  
THROUGH THE LENS OF CHILD LIFE*

Patricia A. Roberts  
*Executive Educational Leadership*

*THE ROLE OF NON-PROFITS IN THE CAREER  
DEVELOPMENT OF THE VULNERABLE AND  
UNDERSERVED*

## 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.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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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.”

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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 with 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 notes. The score is divided into measures by bar lines, with measure numbers 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 25, and 29 marked at the beginning of their respective lines.

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.



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