



COMMENCEMENT



MAY 10, 2025

COMMENCEMENT

Nine o'clock in the morning
May tenth, two thousand twenty-five
Dunham Theater, Morris Cultural Arts Center

Dr. Stanley A. Napper
Presiding

*Welcome	Dr. Lynn Cohick <i>Distinguished Professor of New Testament Director, Houston Theological Seminary School of Christian Thought</i>
*Processional.	<i>Phoenix Processional</i> Dan Locklair Mr. John Kirk, <i>Organ</i>
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*Scripture	Celeste Chapman '25
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Conferring of Degrees	Dr. Robert B. Sloan
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*Benediction	Mason Alexander Robertson '25
*Alma Mater.	<i>Hail the Orange and Blue</i> Hinton-Looser Dr. David Kirkwood, <i>Director</i> Mr. John Kirk, <i>Organ</i>
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DEGREE CANDIDATES

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

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Blake Alan Alley
Electrical Engineering

Mosa Mohammed Alsalih★
Cyber Engineering

Nicholas Alexander Alvarez
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Evan Clayton Barnes★★★
Cyber Engineering

Allison Faith Bastawrous
Science Studies

Angel Adrian Beltran Aguirre★★
Computer Science

Okikiola M. Braimoh Sr.
Computer Science

Alexander I. Brenham
Information Systems

Raymond Venice Carbonilla Cagumbay★
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Iliana Casas
Science Studies

Abel Isaac Castillo
Cyber Engineering

Saul Castillo
Electrical Engineering

Khalid Cliff Chilipachi★
Computer Science

Tara Christie
Biology

Makenna Anne Cooper★★
Biology

Madison Aryn Coward
Chemistry

Alexis Simone Daniel
Biology

Carlos Miguel De Carlos★
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Elizabeth Fraga
Science Studies

Connor David Fremin★
Electrical Engineering

Ashley Crystal Garcia★★
Electrical Engineering

Brianna Victoria Garcia
Cyber Engineering

Lianna Marie Garcia
Biology

Rafael Alejandro Garcia Fernandez
Cyber Engineering

Adrian Thomas Gonzales
Electrical Engineering

Jair Gregorio★★
Electrical Engineering

Martinera Kautiana Henry
Biology

Selvin D. Hernandez Cedillo
Electrical Engineering

Denzel Rene Hinds★★
Biology

Noah Wayne Hlavinka★★★
Mathematics

Ben T. Holcomb★★★
Electrical Engineering

Sophie C. Huynh★★★
Biology

Zara S. Italia
Biology

Natasha Danielle Jones
Cyber Engineering

Anthony Gabriel Karam★★★
Electrical Engineering

Omar Khattab Khalil
Information Systems

Zachary R. Marshall★
Cyber Engineering

Marissa Martinez★★
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Delvin Deion Mason
Mathematics

Hannah Mariam Mathew★★
Biology

Noah Ajay Mathews
Electrical Engineering

Ethan Isaac Matuska★
Cyber Engineering

Aiden Connor Montoya
Information Systems

Jacqueline T. Nguyen★★★
Biology

Minh Nguyen★
Biology

★ CUM LAUDE

★★ MAGNA CUM LAUDE

★★★ SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Samuel Moronfoluwa Ojo
Cyber Engineering

Justin Chidozie Okeugo★
Electrical Engineering

Kevin Huy Ortiz★
Cyber Engineering

Kamila Rachel Pineda
Mathematics

Malcolm Lee Pryor II
Biology

Ismael Santiago Ramirez
Electrical Engineering

Olivia Deana Riojas-Bellini
Chemistry

Mason A. Robertson★★★
Electrical Engineering

Monika Ruiz Ottati★★★
Biology

Giovanni Andres Santillan
Chemistry

Faith L. Skelton
Biology

Hayden Joshua Smith
Biology

Jase Robert Straka
Information Systems

Thomas Lee Streets III
Cyber Engineering

Sillah Suwaneh★★
Information Systems

Krzysztof Dariusz Turski
Information Systems

Grace A. Velasquez
Biology

Edwin Omar Ventura
Computer Science

Kiet Tran Tuan Vo★
Computer Science

Bryce O'Neal Williams
Electrical Engineering

Dustin Wayne Wood
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Jian Wu
Information Systems

PROFESSIONAL SCIENCE MASTERS

Breana Renee Herrera
Health Professions

ARCHIE W. DUNHAM COLLEGE OF BUSINESS BACHELOR OF ARTS

Amy Cotton★
General Business

Tyler Ambrose Dizon
Business Administration

Ethan Kwao Ayo Giwa-McNeil★
Business Administration

Charles Ray Gonzales
Business Administration

Jackson Hamilton★
General Business

Diana Yammilet Hernández
General Business

Felicia Nicole Hernandez★★
General Business

Josalyn Emma Keller★★
Business Administration

Zayteak S. L. Mcghee
Business Administration

Kimberly Montiel★★
General Business

Steven Alan Raymond
General Business

Courtney Marie Smith
General Business

Cameron M. Snow★
General Business

Samantha Ann Wolfe★
Business Administration

Wendinso Rosalie Zongo
General Business

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Stephanie Onyami Abraham
Management

Aidan Raymundo Garcia
Marketing

Haven McEntire
Finance

Xavier Sebastian Acosta★
Accounting

Jonas R. Gipson
Management

Shaheen N. Momin★
Finance

Destiny Nicole-Rodriguez Atilano
Marketing

Laura Virginia Gonzalez★
Marketing

Martha O. Ovalle
Finance

Kiersten Carmen Calderón★
International Business

Cristian Javon Green
Management

Zohet Angelica Ramirez Reyes
Management

Angela Chavez
Marketing

J'la Jerree Harris
Management

Blake Lane Remedios★★★
Management

Braelyn Damont Crawford
Accounting

Wyatt Heath Henry★★
International Business

Allison Janine Rodriguez
Accounting

Ellisyn Ann Davis★★★
International Business

Tiffany Duong Huynh★★★
Marketing

Brian M. Sanchez
Finance

Sydney Nnaja Diogu★★
Management

Josue I. Iglesias★
Management

Jose Daniel Santos★
Accounting

Jacob M. Do
Management

Alejandro Lahoz Trivino★★★
Management

Madisen Elyssa - Grace Segura
Marketing

Efuet Zenan Cartwright Ekem★★★
Accounting

Ciin Sian Tawi Lun
Accounting

Jacob A. Sustaita
Accounting

Kaileigh Madison Flack★★
Marketing

David Michael Mallory★★★
Accounting

Josephine A. Tsai★★
Finance

Malamatenia Despina Fragkias
Finance

Mia Yvonne Manzanares★
Marketing

Ethan Dwayne Waddell Jr.
International Business

Madison Faith Gamboa★★
Accounting

Eunice Naomi Martinez★★
Management

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Liya Ann Abraham

Jade Ashle Franklin

Joshua Chinekefurumanya Nkwo

Ahmad Naser Al Badawi

Emily Lauren Heckaman

Florence Oluremi Okeowo

Sarah Katelynn Alaniz

Emily Jaimes

Catherine Grace Perez

Hannah Jael Bennett

Reema Jennifer

Samip Subedi

Jesse W. Chao

Avanthi Kodur

Tatiana Vasquez Ramirez

Ashton Ellis

Sitara Lalani

Chantel Annice Ward

Hailey Erickson

★ CUM LAUDE

★★ MAGNA CUM LAUDE

★★★ SUMMA CUM LAUDE

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Shella Ngum Awanchiri
Management and Entrepreneurship

Andrew Nunley IV
Human Resources Management

Celeste Marisol Umanzor
Human Resources Management

Felicia Dale Gibbs
Management and Entrepreneurship

TaSheba S. Pleasant
Management and Entrepreneurship

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT BACHELOR OF ARTS

Celeste Catherine Chapman★★★
Biblical Studies

Carson Anthony Holloway
Christian Ministry

Shane Michael Woodrow Jelsma★★★
Theological Studies

Joseph Eugene Green
Biblical Studies

Aaron Jon Horning★★★
Biblical Studies

Daniel Omar Palao
Theological Studies

MASTER OF ARTS

Denise Stair Armstrong
Apologetics

Chun Yin Leung
Apologetics

Prisca Simon
Theological Studies

Gabriele Elizabeth Bellair
Biblical Languages

Erick T. Loud Sr.
Theological Studies

Jason L. Smith
Apologetics

Frank Marcel Bogaert
Biblical Languages

Elizabeth Ann Martin
Apologetics

Colette Joy Sweers
Theological Studies

Cora Mackenzie Carpenter Tanner
Theological Studies

Molly Michelle McBride
Apologetics

Jacqueline Danielle Wilson
Apologetics

Bradley James Elrod
Biblical Languages

Landon A. Mosley
Theological Studies

Joyal Joseph
Theological Studies

Penelope Marie Perry
Theological Studies

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

Laurien Elise Hook
New Testament

*WHAT'S PAST IS PROLOGUE: HOW UNDERSTANDING THE
BIBLE'S METANARRATIVE INFORMS MINISTRY TODAY*

First Reader, Dr. Ben Blackwell

Marc D. James
Faith and Culture

*BRIDGING THE GAP: UNDERSTANDING AND REVERSING
THE DECLINE IN THE LOCAL BLACK CHURCH
ATTENDANCE AMONG MILLENNIALS AND GENERATION Z*

First Reader, Dr. Robert Bugg

Hannah Nicole McGinnis
Faith and Culture

*CANCER MINISTRY: CENTERING THE STORY OF GOD AND
TELLING THE STORY OF HIS PEOPLE FOR EFFECTIVE AND
SUSTAINED SERVICE*

First Reader, Dr. Michelle Keener

Brandon Neal Webb
Faith and Culture

*TOWARD A HOPEFUL TOMORROW: HEALTHY PASTORAL
LEADERSHIP IN A POST-CHRISTIAN WORLD*

First Reader, Dr. Joshua Ellis

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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES BACHELOR OF ARTS

Cameron James Anderson★★★
Great Texts

Janetra Simone Davis-Green
Interdisciplinary Studies

Shana Maria Kelley
Criminal Justice

Rahyab Arif★
Interdisciplinary Studies

Trent Gerald Favorite
Narrative Arts

Ana Monserrat Lopez★★
Criminal Justice

Sarah Renata Benítez Mendoza★★
Legal Studies and Political Science

Dillon John Fedor Jr.★
Interdisciplinary Studies

Dominique Lopez
Interdisciplinary Studies

Jenny Bennett
Interdisciplinary Studies

Joshua A. Fitzgerald
Legal Studies

Andrea Frances Lucas
Political Science

Christine K. Bhaskaran
Medical Humanities

Tara D. Gaede
Interdisciplinary Studies

Eric Joseph Luckett★
Narrative Arts

Leena Benzrou Bouchenni★★★
Legal Studies

Ana P. Garcia Hernandez★★
Narrative Arts

Justin Macias Jr.
Interdisciplinary Studies

Eli Aron Brickhandler
Interdisciplinary Studies

Daniel Nestor Garza
Interdisciplinary Studies

Kendrick (Kj) Benard Makins Jr.★
Interdisciplinary Studies

Lauryl Corinne Brogan★★★
Narrative Arts

Somdukta Ghosh
Interdisciplinary Studies

Alejandro Antonio Marquez
Interdisciplinary Studies

Hailey L. Brown★★
Legal Studies

Joshua James Gonzales
Narrative Arts

Richard Marquez★★★
Political Science and History

Kristopher C. Butler★
Criminal Justice

Mia Isabell Guerrero
Studio Art

Oscar Jose Morles
Political Science

Catherine L. Calderon★
Studio Art

Landon Thomas Harmon★★★
Legal Studies

Ashley C. Olague
Narrative Arts

Emily Clarisse Chacon★★★
Criminal Justice

Autumn Cristina Harvey
Criminal Justice

Tevis Jacob Payne II
Interdisciplinary Studies

Alexis Anna Christie★
Psychology and Criminal Justice

Aries Manuel Jimenez★
Political Science

Alan Perez
History

Kace' Adrianna Conaway★
Legal Studies

Dwight Jones II
Interdisciplinary Studies

Sarah Lynn Price
Interdisciplinary Studies

Alejandro Cuenca Martinez
Criminal Justice

Grant Alan Kalsey
Interdisciplinary Studies

Davier Rivera★
Criminal Justice

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★★★ SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Brenda Melissa Rodriguez
Legal Studies

Jordan Ernie Santa Cruz
Interdisciplinary Studies

Yennisse Evelyn Sevilla★★
Legal Studies

Kimberlee Anne Sinha
Interdisciplinary Studies

Alana Marie Strickland★★★
Studio Art

Lynn Taher★★★
Legal Studies

Brooke T. Thompson★★
Studio Art

Leo Tu Tran
Criminal Justice

Tiffany Tullis
Interdisciplinary Studies

Angela Adriana Villalobos★★★
Legal Studies

Katia E. Yammine★★★
Political Science

Sam Josse Zeeman★★★
Political Science and Criminal Justice

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Jaylynn Z. Allen
Graphic Design

Analiz Ardon★★
Graphic Design

Juan E. Barrera
Graphic Design

Lillian Alice Clardy★★
Graphic Design

Liberty A. Dante★
Cinematic Arts

Ewan Livingston Dawes III
Video Game Design

Christopher Calvin Hudson
Cinematic Arts

Matthias Endrae McBride
Cinematic Arts

Eric Mathew Montoya
Graphic Design

Aayush Ashish Patel★★
Cinematic Arts

Kevin Matthew Quinonez★
Animation

Juan Gregorio Rodriguez Sanchez
Cinematic Arts

Caroline Reese Roebuck
Cinematic Arts

Maleny A. Rojas★★
Animation

Amanda L. Valdez
Cinematic Arts

Eduardo Vela
Video Game Design

German Vela
Graphic Design

Haylee A. Wuensche★★★
Studio Art

Seth A. Young
Video Game Design

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Joshua A. Yeates★
Vocal Performance

MASTER OF ARTS

Sohee Park
Cinematic Arts

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Crystal Lynn Billing
Studio Art

Maria Delia Chevez
Studio Art

Dominic Ramon Clay
Studio Art

Anthony Wayne Gordon
Studio Art

Charis Lyshon Kelley
Studio Art

Constintine St. John Lopez
Studio Art

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★★ MAGNA CUM LAUDE

★★★ SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Claudia Quirarte
Studio Art

Lyndie Anniston Swanson
Studio Art

Roberto Jaime Ramirez
Studio Art

Delaney Mary Yohe
Studio Art

MASTER OF LIBERAL ARTS

Mandi Sue Atweh
Liberal Arts

Shelby Lynn Grissom
Liberal Arts

LINDA R. DUNHAM SCHOOL OF NURSING BACHELOR OF ARTS

Shaun'Tel D. Alford
Kinesiology - Sport Management

Alexander James Maddox
Kinesiology - Sport Management

Sarah Elizabeth Villalobos★
Kinesiology - Sport Management

Denauli D. Baugh★
Kinesiology - Sport Management

Nathan M. Self
Kinesiology - Sport Management

Katcher Jude Halligan★★
Kinesiology - Sport Management

Xavier William Toliver
Kinesiology - Sport Management

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Joseph Alexander★
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Angelina Miranda Cruz★
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Taylor Madalyn Sanderson★★★
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Kidus Belay Assefa
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Eva Cruz
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Haylie Lane Savage★
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Benito Avila★★
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Tatiana G. Evans
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Zaelyn Aaron-Allen Smith
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Wael Hefzee Awad★★★
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Alexia Hope Jones
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Jacquelyn Soto
Allied Health

Jean-Alexander B. Beaujon
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Evelyn Elizabet Montes
Allied Health

Samantha Uyen Tran★★
Allied Health

Kayla Desiree Bobino
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Samantha Renee Palomo
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Melissa Lisbeth Umanzor Lopez
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Nadia Bojnourdi
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Luis David Paredes Gomez
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Trenton H. Vance
Allied Health

Melany Centeno
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Arianna Victoria Lynn Rodriguez★
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Jachin Lee Vaughan★★
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

David Chavez
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Ariany Lizet Sanchez
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Jessica Yang
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

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★★ MAGNA CUM LAUDE

★★★ SUMMA CUM LAUDE

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Tamar Abrha	Samuel Blake Huffman★★★	Rachel Catherine Panos★★
Giselle Gudalupe Benitez★★★	Jada Shara Jett★	Megan Rene Parras★
Stephanie Benitez Razo★★	Dora Elvia Juarez★★	Maria Dolores Pena
Stephanie Denise Camacho★	Lanaye Louella Keys★★★	Luynh Pham★
Fatima Conteh★★	Rylee Richelle Light★	Elijah Isaac Ramos
Aseel Essoh★★★	Gabriela Rachelle Lodico★	Kendall Nicole Ray★
Ehinome Natalie Ewah	Devyn Lou	Alex Tran Tong★
Kenechi Divine Ezeokeke★★	Alise Thomas Mathai★★★	Yadira Michelle Torres
Cole Christopher Funston	Gianella Sofia Moretti★★	Bethany Michelle Trammell★
Bianca Garcia Lelli★★★	Niosha Motahari★★★	Jericho P. Tupas
Severo Reyes Garcia III	Juliana D. Munoz	

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Sasha Danielle Olguin <i>Kinesiology - Sport Management</i>	Collin Matthew Sullivan <i>Kinesiology - Sport Management</i>
Carlos Rene Rodriguez III <i>Kinesiology - Sport Management</i>	Robert Cornelius West <i>Kinesiology - Sport Management</i>

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Amy Renee Bhagat <i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>	Enoc Isai Chicas <i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>	Ayisat Rukayat Onafadeji <i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>
Yvette Chioma Brooks <i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>	Cristina Marie Keenan <i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>	Porsha Christine Randle <i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>

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Presiding

- *WelcomeDr. Shawn Kent
Associate Professor of Education
Associate Dean of Education
College of Education and Behavioral Sciences
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Mr. John Kirk, *Organ*
- *Scripture Shanelle Bradley '25
- *Invocation..... Malaika T. Lund '19, MS '22
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Dr. David Kirkwood, *Tenor*
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Vice President for Academic Affairs
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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Lashonda Renee Alexander★
Psychology

Lesley Gisselle Alvarado★★
Psychology

Gina Renee Bell★
Psychology

Jordan Alexandria Bushnell
Psychology

Alexis Anna Christie★
Psychology and Criminal Justice

Cinthya Damaris Contreras★★
Psychology

Brooke Alysse Coward★
Psychology

Keilly Mariana Delgado Beltran★★★
Psychology

Christina Duff★★
Psychology

Alejandra Escalante★★★
Psychology

Zavion C. Evans
Psychology

Paisley Garrett
Psychology

Britneesa Champagne Green★
Psychology

Bryce Alexander Howard★★★
Psychology

Haylee Nikole Long
Psychology

Zoey Samantha Long★★★
Psychology

Taylor Bryann McDaniel★★
Psychology

Meric Devi Nelson★
Psychology

Thereza Nicolas★★★
Psychology

Claire Anne Penman
Psychology

Sophia Andrea Pérez Véliz★★
Psychology

Riza Lizel E. Pineda★
Psychology

Kourtney Ridley
Psychology

Ivonne Helen Rodriguez Baez★★
Psychology

Olivia M. Rogers★
Psychology

Melanie Santillan
Psychology

William Charles Schaub★★★
Psychology

Tchissola Gertrudes De Sousa
Sebastiao★★★
Psychology

Caleb Nicholas Shaffer
Psychology

Lisbet Rossmery Sorto★
Psychology

Chanile Travis
Psychology

Cindy Chukwudiogo Uyanwune
Psychology

Zoe E. Vandenberg
Psychology

Yoselyn Raquel Villalta★
Psychology

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Jayden Elizabeth Anderson★
EC-12 Art with Teacher Certification

Shanelle Monet Bradley★
Elementary Education (EC-6) with ESL

Caleb Butuyan
Mathematics (7-12) with Teacher Certification and ESL

Alondra Virginia Figueroa Rocha★
Spanish (EC-12) with Teacher Certification with SPED

Kayla Renee Franklin★★
Elementary Education (EC-6) with ESL

Nehemiah H. Huanaco★
Mathematics (7-12) with Teacher Certification and ESL

Alyssa Jemela★★★
English, Language Arts, and Reading (7-12) with Teacher Certification and ESL

Ivy Paola Martinez★
Spanish (EC-12) with Teacher Certification with SPED

Crystal Isabel Melendez
Science (7-12) with Teacher Certification with ESL and SPED

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Brianna Danyelle Mitchell★★
*English, Language Arts, and Reading (7-12)
with Teacher Certification and ESL*

Ashley Isabel Ordonez★★★
Elementary Education with ESL and SPED

Lillian Hope Pace★★★
Elementary Education (EC-6) with ESL

Elizabeth Renee Pena★
Elementary Education (EC-6) with ESL

Marta Julia Santizo★
Elementary Education (EC-6) with ESL

Glory O. Shofowora
*Mathematics (7-12) with Teacher
Certification and ESL*

Alisia Joy Gane Silverthorn
Learning, Technology, and Design

Destiny Tene Winters
Elementary Education (EC-6) with ESL

MASTER OF ARTS

Brittany Anselmo
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Andrea Anzo
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Lakyva Bason
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Crystal Baxter
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Katherine Bibb
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Carlton Blackwell
Psychology

Danielle Nicole Breland
Psychology

Juanita Lashon Brown
Human Services

Amy Leigh Burns
Psychology

Elexus Marie Carr
Psychology

Janelle N. Castilleja
Human Services

Sheryl A. Cummings
Psychology

Hannah Miriam C. Cuna
Psychology

Davida Elizabeth Davis
Psychology

Jashanjot Singh Dhaliwal
Psychology

Cindy Vanessa Elias
Psychology

Jamarkus D. Evans
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Elizabeth Kay Fisher
Psychology

Erin M. Ford
Marriage and Family Therapy

Denyseana Garcia
Psychology

Francisco Rafael Garcia
Psychology

Scott Douglas Gunther
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Connor Nathan Hargis
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Fiorella Alexandra Head
Psychology

Brianna Annette Henderson
Psychology

Amber Valerie Hernandez
Psychology

Jessica Carol Hernandez
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Leticia Mari Holbert-Ross
Psychology

Charlotte Denise Holliday
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Regina R. Jones
Human Services

Ninette N. Kedeas
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

DeAnna Keller
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Jasmine Ymine Leon
Psychology

Alba Mirian Lopez
Psychology

Monica Christine Lozoya
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Hannah Lacy McKeon
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Cadence Brianne McKinney
Psychology

Jose Medrano Rodriguez
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Ethan Daniel Morales
Psychology

Elise Anastacia Munoz
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Wyonna Marie Nash
Human Services

Michael Olusegun Olusanya
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Javier Perez III
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Katrina Sparks
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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.”

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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