



COMMENCEMENT



MAY 9, 2026

How Great Thou Art

Stuart Wesley Keene Hine, 1953

Swedish Folk Melody

♩ = 80



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, When I look down from loft - y mount - ain
die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble a - dor -



thun - der, Thy power through - out the un - i - verse dis - played:
grand - eur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze: Then sings my
bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin:
- a - tion, And there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"



soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my



soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!



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

Dr. Stanley A. Napper
Presiding

- *Welcome Dr. David Kirkwood
*Chair, Department of Music
College of Arts & Humanities*
- *Processional.....*Rigaudon* André Campra
Mr. John Kirk, *Organ*
- *Scripture Lily Reynolds '26
- *Invocation Lily Reynolds '26
- Greetings Dr. Stanley Napper, *Provost &
Vice President for Academic Affairs*
- Special Music..... How Great Thou Art..... Stuart K. Hine
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- Charge to the Graduates Dr. Robert B. Sloan, *President*
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Announcement of Graduates
- Welcome to the Alumni Association..... Robin Keiffer Deering '89 MBA '91
- *Benediction Dr. Katie Evans
Dean, College of Science and Engineering
- *Alma Mater..... *Hail the Orange and Blue* Hinton-Looser
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DEGREE CANDIDATES

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

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

William Persons Aguirre
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Abigail Grace Fick★★
Biochemistry-Molecular Biology

James Aidan McClain
Biology

Joshua Alexander Ahkin
Science Studies

Pablo Angel Garcia★★★
Biochemistry-Molecular Biology

Sean Alexander Moning
Cybersecurity

Ali Al Taie
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Computer Science

Makenzie Taylor Moore★★★
Information Systems

Isaac Abraham Alegria★★
Biology

Salma Guerrero★★
Biology

Taurean Zion Muhammad
Cyber Engineering

Steve Xander Angulo
Computer Science

David Alexander Hernandez Cordero★
Mathematics

Martin Alejandro Navarro Ballagan★★
Biology

Ariane Aurora da Paixao de Barros
Science Studies

Eden Hammid Hernandez
Biology

Caden Patrick Nease★
Electrical Engineering

Haven Mauryce Berry
Science Studies

Jasmin Esmeralda Hernandez
Biology

Loren Michelle Nguyen★
Chemistry

Sayge Leon Blackmon★★
Cyber Engineering

Brianna Gabrielle Hinds★★★
Computer Science

Edwin Chiagoziem Nwokeabia
Cybersecurity

Cassandra Rochelle Bush
Mathematics

Kory Alan Hitchens★
Biology

Divine O. Odeh★
Electrical Engineering

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Biochemistry-Molecular Biology

Aidan Allen Kainer
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Solximena Lyn Ortiz★
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Nicholas Kyan Lu
Biology

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Computer Science

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Information Systems

Heylen Samantha Perez
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Information Systems

Skylar Nicole Marsh
Science Studies

Alan J. Polacheril★
Information Systems

Maden Edaugal★
Computer Science

Alicia Y. Martinez
Computer Science

Cristian Ponce★★
Science Studies

Joshua Tochukwu Egesi
Biochemistry-Molecular Biology

Elizabeth Emmanuella Matadi★
Biology

Collin Bautista Posadas
Biology

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Chase Sebastian Prow
Biochemistry-Molecular Biology

Andre Ethan Sotelo★
Cyber Engineering

Evelyn Valdez
Computer Science

Caelan Van Quach
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Jeevan Paul Thoppil★★★
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Caroline Thanh-Thao Vo★★★
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Quach Bao Khang★★
Chemistry

Galilee Merarih Tirado
Electrical Engineering

Paul Robert Wisdom
Electrical Engineering

Bryan Antonio Rodas
Biology

Rufus Tyrese Toe
Computer Science

Zaynah Emaan Yousuf★★
Biology

Kimberly Elizabeth Rubio
Biology

Nathaniel Ricardo Torres★
Biology

Peter Schellingerhout★★
Information Systems

Jacqueline Tran
Biochemistry-Molecular Biology

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Franklin Obiekah-Adinigwe Obioma
Data Science

Rashed Rahman
Cybersecurity

PROFESSIONAL SCIENCE MASTERS

Elizabeth Fraga
Health Professions

Ariel Raine Hill
Health Professions

Doniece Ari Rogers
Health Professions

ARCHIE W. DUNHAM COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Roy R. Barrera IV★
Business Administration

Jenny Leticia Espinoza
Business Administration

Brock Lambert
Business Administration

Leah Alexandra Bethel★
Business Administration

Valeria Flores
Business Administration

Erik Mejia
Business Administration

Erica Shanee Butler-Boutte
Business Administration

Linnea Nicole Hagman★★★
Business Administration

Jayson Damian Mendez
Business Administration

Emanuel Cardenas Pachon
Business Administration

Rhett Christopher Hendricks
Business Administration

Kaylee Mae Pelayo Gomez
Business Administration

Louis Charles Zecca Castano★★★
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Johan Hernandez Bautista
Business Administration

Andy Soliman
Business Administration

Canon McClain Chester
Business Administration

Peyton C. Kendall★
Business Administration

Aimee Nicole Swain
Business Administration

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Finance

Shabnam Ayan★★★
Management

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Accounting

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Finance

Jasmin Valeria Calderon★★★
Management

Aracely Gonzalez
Management

Seth King Davis★★★
Finance

Danerys Dominguez
International Business

Maria Alejandra Ferrer Alvarez★★
Marketing

Gabriel Flores
Finance

Cedric Tavaurs Forney
Management

Leah Marie Fraysur★
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John Patrick Kondritz★★★
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Finance

Phillip Mitchell
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Mason Walker Napier★★
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Management

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Management

Paulina Azaneth Pineda★
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DeLayne Jewel Puente
Management

Lillian Elizabeth Reynolds★★★
Management

Pablo Sebastian Rodriguez
Management

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Marketing

Clayton Smith★
Management

Emma Caroline Smith★★★
Finance

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Finance

Emily Esther Tzul★
Finance

Brendon Wilson Willey★
Finance

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Finance

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Bo O. Badger

Verna Leah Cannon

Aaron Anthony Cardenas

Cameron Daniel Copeland

Inaara Salim Dawoodani

R'elle D. Duncan

Parker Edwards

Lyana Elaine Gutierrez

Catherine Nnenna Chinonye Iheomamere

Abdulla Al Kubaisi

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Caleb Joseph Matthews

Olayiwola Phillips Ojo

Namira Rupani

Kevin K. Ndegwa

Blessing Par

Jihanath Daniella Soumanou

Marcia Leonor Novais Xavier

Paula Adelina de Sousa Pombolo

Sahil Swapnesh

PROFESSIONAL MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Safira Bibi
Management

Claudia Andrea Islas Medina
Management

MASTER OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Joseph A. Guerra

Chia-Yu Lin

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Alfreda Denise Carreon
Human Resources Management

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Leadership

Darchayla Jonique Lewis
Leadership

David Wayne Catoe
Leadership

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Corey Alpough
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Karina Anahi Alvarado
Criminal Justice

Faith Nicole Andrew
Interdisciplinary Studies

Francis Lawrence Anson
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Lizbeth Arreola★★
Studio Art

Aileen Erilu Aviles★
Legal Studies

Sanaa Araba Baison
Criminal Justice

Lindsey Marie Balbisi★★
Legal Studies

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English

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Interdisciplinary Studies

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Legal Studies

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Narrative Arts

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Legal Studies

Catherine Ivon Espinosa★★★
Criminal Justice

Carmen Elizabeth Garay
Political Science

Josceline Elizabeth Garay
Medical Humanities

Jayhvion Marquis Gipson
Interdisciplinary Studies

Kylin Green
Interdisciplinary Studies

Tommy Lee Harris III
Criminal Justice

Michelle Lee Hazelwood
Interdisciplinary Studies

Harrison Durke Helton
Interdisciplinary Studies

Hailey Jean Hendershott★
Political Science

Anna Sophie Hill★★
Medical Humanities

Halima Hasna Hoy
Interdisciplinary Studies

Israel T. Igbayilola
Interdisciplinary Studies

Nehikhare Igiehon
Interdisciplinary Studies

Nora Iyogbon
Criminal Justice

Anita Marie Kelley
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Armida Sarai Lazo
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Alma Cecilia Limas
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Merna Massoud
Interdisciplinary Studies

Nikole Yevett Maxie
Interdisciplinary Studies

Daniel Z. Medina★
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Criminal Justice

Gertrudes Emília de Sousa Monitor
Interdisciplinary Studies

Bryson Monroe
Interdisciplinary Studies

Cullen Kelby Montgomery
Interdisciplinary Studies

Benjamin Tyler Norton
Interdisciplinary Studies

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Obi Okeke-Oraeki
Narrative Arts

Uzonna Chihaziri Okorie
Narrative Arts

Carter Patterson
Interdisciplinary Studies

Danielle Renee Perez
Music

Heilyn Emely Perez★★
Spanish

Ana Nicole Pineda
Narrative Arts

Jessica Quintero★★★
Legal Studies

Rosa Estella Resendiz★★★
Legal Studies

Yatziry Rachell Reyes★★
Legal Studies

Ashanti Robertson
Interdisciplinary Studies

Nicholas Robertson
Music

Jannet Ariana Ruiz Herrera★★
Legal Studies

Cesar Salazar
Interdisciplinary Studies

Robeap Ban Santos
Interdisciplinary Studies

Hannah Grace Scholten★★★
English

Scarlett Lea Sisk★★★
Legal Studies

Emma Kristina Smolnikova
Interdisciplinary Studies

Camilla Victoria Stokes
Interdisciplinary Studies

Jaelle Ava Virginie Tchalla
Interdisciplinary Studies

Jadyn Laila Thomas★★★
Legal Studies

Jacob Matthew Torrez★★★
Criminal Justice

Karlynn Elizabeth Traylor★
English

Vianca Victoria Valencia★★★
Legal Studies

Nathan Taylor Wagaman★
Interdisciplinary Studies

Jackson Todd Walker
Interdisciplinary Studies

Kayt Ward
Interdisciplinary Studies

Charles Bennett Weinrich
Interdisciplinary Studies

Rebecca Marie Werner★★★
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Marjorie Myra Westmoreland★★
Music

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Interdisciplinary Studies

William Rashaun Wilson
Interdisciplinary Studies

Olivia Dawn Zeigler
Interdisciplinary Studies

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Drae Davis
Cinematic Arts

Brianna A. Eureste★
Graphic Design

Jacob Josiah Price★★★
Cinematic Arts

Ashley Kathleen Riggins★★
Graphic Design

Bryce Phillip Smink★
Cinematic Arts

Caleb Aaron Zahr★★★
Cinematic Arts

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Kate Bonaobra★
Vocal Performance

Jonathan Sui Lee
Vocal Performance

Jason Anthony Oquendo
Vocal Performance

BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION

Truett Knox Smith★
Music - Instrumental

Nathalie Isabel Yac★★
Music - Instrumental

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MASTER OF ARTS

Jiliang Zhang
Philosophy

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Laura Lopez Cano
Studio Art

Jillian Joniah Hill
Studio Art

Khanh Chi Nguyen
Studio Art

Louis Alexander Cano III
Studio Art

Chloe M. Hudspeth
Studio Art

Rivkah Supriya Parker
Studio Art

Hailey Rena Harvey
Studio Art

Julia Marcucci Wood
Studio Art

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT BACHELOR OF ARTS

Gerry Abraham Akapo★★
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Dylan Joshua Klinge★★
Christianity

Maggie Allyn Post★★★
Christian Ministry

Seth Andrew Carr
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Samuel Dominic Montano
Biblical Studies

Emma Faith Sevier★★
Classics

Jason Simeon Copley★★
Theological Studies

Raquel Agnes Noel★★★
Integrated Behavioral Studies

Ronald Myers Hill★
Christian Ministry

Abebech Dangiso Gosie Olivas
Christian Ministry

MASTER OF ARTS

Ulises Baltazar
Apologetics

Erika Taliza Cruz
Theological Studies

Ramone Torrez Holmes
Theological Studies

Christopher Barnard Brown
Theological Studies

Hayden Davis
Christian Leadership

Nathaniel Luke Marino
Theological Studies

Reagan Michael Brunelle
Theological Studies

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Biblical Languages

Erin Moore
Apologetics

Theresa Mims Charles
Theological Studies

Evadnee Garcia
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Evan James Kerr Szymanski
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Theological Studies

Gerald Ray Winslow Jr.
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MASTER OF DIVINITY

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Albert D. Padilla Jr.

Byron Keith Collins

Dylan Joshua Klinge

Winnie D. Smith-Curl

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

Katherine Armstrong
New Testament

First Reader: Dr. Lynn H. Cohick, Houston Christian University

COME TO JESUS: WHY SEEKERS APPROACHED
JESUS AND HOW HE RESPONDED TO THEIR NEEDS
AS A BIBLICAL MODEL FOR ENGAGING SEEKERS

Quintin Betteridge
Faith & Culture

First Reader: Dr. Philip C. Tallon, Houston Christian University

MISSIONAL INTELLIGENCE IN A SECULAR AGE: A
PRACTICAL THEOLOGY FOR MINISTRY LEADERS
REACHING THE SPIRITUALLY OPEN IN A POST-
CHRISTIAN CONTEXT

Frederick Gregory
New Testament

First Reader: Dr. Robert M. Bugg, Jr., Houston Christian
University

SONGS OF SOLACE: EXAMINING THE ROLE
OF NEGRO SPIRITUALS IN FOSTERING
PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SPIRITUAL RESILIENCE
AMONG ENSLAVED AFRICANS IN THE
ANTEBELLUM AMERICAN SOUTH, 1780–1870

Lisa Harper
Faith & Culture

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RESTORING THE DAMAGE DONE TO WOMEN
UNDER THE BANNER OF BIBLICISM BY
AFFIRMING THEIR VALUE AND AMPLIFYING
THEIR VOICE

Wayne Idol
New Testament

First Reader: Dr. Randy Hatchett, Houston Christian University

BUILDING THE KINGDOM

Joshua Smith
Faith & Culture

First Reader: Dr. Louis Markos, Houston Christian University

RECOVERED IMAGES: C.S. LEWIS AND
IMAGINATIVE SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Taren Walters
Faith & Culture

First Reader: Dr. Robert Brewer, Gateway Church

WALKING WITH PURPOSE: A JOURNEY TO GOD
THROUGH EDUCATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

Kathryn Woning
New Testament

First Reader: Dr. Benjamin Blackwell, Westminster Theological
Centre, England

CHRIST IN YOU THE HOPE OF GLORY:
ESTABLISHING A THEOLOGY OF LIBERATION
FROM LGBT

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*Online Chair of Education
College of Education & Behavioral Sciences*
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Psychology

Andrea R. Hernandez
Psychology

Naxil Yahidel Rosales
Family Studies

Veronica Marie Barsoum★★★
Psychology

Esther Elizabeth Herrera★★★
Psychology

Jenifer Thanh Royer
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Psychology

Rachel Holloway
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Ivanna Isabella Salgado
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Haven Mauryce Berry
Psychology

Abieyuwa Linda Iyamu
Psychology

Jalissa Salinas★★★
Psychology

Emily Bravo-Valdespino
Psychology

Sharon G. Kim★
Psychology

James Aaron Sartin★★
Psychology

Jaedyn Leigh Budisalovich
Psychology

Morgan Kelley Lopez★★★
Psychology

Cara A. Sourp
Psychology

Sante Kimwesho Chisha
Psychology

Yared Angelle Lopez
Psychology

Melissa Ann Stage
Psychology

Lauren O. Chukwuma
Psychology

Kayla Nicolette Mai★★
Psychology

Shenah Thomas
Psychology

Aniya' Leea' Cloud★
Psychology

Kennedy Marnae Manns★
Psychology

Lorelai Christeen Tidwell
Psychology

Laya Hassan Shaker Dababneh★★★
Psychology

Jaquelin Martinez
Psychology

Karla Elayza Torres★
Psychology

Anamaria I. Dejesus
Psychology

Alexys Allen Merchant★★★
Psychology

Andrea Valadez
Psychology

Catherine Ivon Espinosa★★★
Psychology

Savanah Neichoy★
Psychology

Emily Annette Valdivieso
Psychology

Treasure Titilope Fadimiroye
Psychology

Hannah Mcraye Phillips★★
Psychology

Michelle R. Weiss
Psychology

Dillon Reese Floyd★
Psychology

Blair Lauren Pyron
Psychology

Kelsi Danae Wilson★
Psychology

Cooper Franklin★★★
Psychology

Ta'Kaira Lajoyme Randolph★★★
Psychology

Yamileth Etelia Zayas
Psychology

Elizabeth Justa Gomez
Psychology

Minnie Lashawn Rivers
Psychology

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MASTER OF ARTS

Loretta Adu
Human Services

Farah Akbar
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Delaina Curry Allen
Psychology

Andrea Ayers
Human Services

Ajoke Mariam Ayinde
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Madyson Faith Bailey
Human Services

H. MaCae Bairett
Marriage and Family Therapy

Morgan Brittany Barnes
Psychology

Malika Vaneé Bradley
Psychology

Gilianni Maria Calvo
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Brenda Sofia Campuzano
Psychology

Amanda Marie Cariaga
Psychology

Ana M. Castillo
Psychology

Huong Dang
Psychology

Gabriella Ann Diaz
Psychology

Vanessa Michell Escobar
Psychology

Nadia Del Carmen Gamez
Human Services

Faniyureli Garcia De Aguero
Psychology

Patricia Garcia
Psychology

Elizabeth Malek Hall
Psychology

Alexis Michele Hayes
Psychology

Sir Ashton Holmes
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Tara Denae Horton
Marriage and Family Therapy

Torrshela L. Jackson
Psychology

Sandra Jasso
Human Services

Jaylin Alyssa-Ann Johnson-Lewis
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Issa Kabar
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Tamika Rochelle King Jones
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Sarah Elizabeth Moody
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Jalieah A. Moulton
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Piumi Naduvila
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Kai Tricia Nicholas
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Psychology

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Azeneth Rivera
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Sonia E. Servin
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Maquitta D. Smith
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Fernanda Soto
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Ashley Raveon Uzor
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- Welcome to the Alumni Association..... Lorrie Chretien EdD '25
- *Benediction Dr. Carol Lavender, *Dean
Linda R. Dunham School of Nursing*
- *Alma Mater..... *Hail the Orange and Blue* Hinton-Looser
Dr. David Kirkwood, *director*
Mr. John Kirk, *organ*
- *Recessional *Finale Jubilante* Healey Willan
Mr. John Kirk, *organ*

Thank you for celebrating with us at this Commencement ceremony.
So that the audience may enjoy the ceremony, we ask that you remember to silence your cell phone.

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

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Jasmine Teal Spence★★
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Kinesiology - Wellness Management

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

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Jaqueline Gissel Tapia★

Elementary Education with Bilingual Certification and SPED

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English, Language Arts, and Reading (7-12) with Teacher Certification and ESL and SPED

Damaris Josiah Young

Learning, Technology, and Design

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Curriculum and Instruction

LeBria Scott

Professional School Counseling

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Jinyuan Liu

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ADMINISTRATOR PIPELINE

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 treble clef staff in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The score consists of eight lines of music, each starting with a measure number in the left margin. The lyrics are: "In the great state of Tex - as, Hous-ton, U. S. A. Stands our no - ble al - ma ma - ter, Christ say-ing, 'I am the way.'" "In our search for know - ledge, tem - pered with thy love. Seek - ing our place of ser - vice with wis - dom from a - bove. Give us cour - age, strength and faith. To face a world filled with fear. E - ver on - ward to the chal - lenge, know - ing Thou art near. God bless our school. Keep her safe and true. God bless our al - ma ma - ter. Hail the Orange and Blue."

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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

