



COMMENCEMENT



DECEMBER 14, 2024

Lead On, O King Eternal

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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 fourteenth, two thousand twenty-four
Dunham Theater, Morris Cultural Arts Center

Dr. Kristina E. Cerling
Presiding

- *Welcome Dr. J. Matthew Boyleston MBA '20
*Professor of English and Writing
College of Arts and Humanities*
- *Processional..... *Rigaudon* André Campra
Mr. John Kirk, *organ*
- *Scripture Nekane Moyer '24
- *Invocation..... Ashley Isabella Borges '24
- Hymn..... *Lead On, O King Eternal* *Lancashire*
Dr. Kevin Klotz, *director*
Mr. John Kirk, *organ*
- Greetings Dr. Kristina E. Cerling,
*Associate Provost for Academic Affairs
Dean, The Graduate School*
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Announcement of Graduates
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'96, MBA '97
- *Benediction Cameron Morvant '24
- *Alma Mater..... *Hail the Orange and Blue* Hinton-Looser
Dr. David Kirkwood, *tenor*
Mr. John Kirk, *organ*
- *Recessional *In dulci jubilo, BWV 729* Johann Sebastian Bach
Mr. John Kirk, *organ*

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DEGREE CANDIDATES

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

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Adeyemi John Praise Ademola
Narrative Arts

Keyana Marie Archer★★★
Family Studies and Psychology

Aisha Nurein Aweys★
Family Studies

Ashley Isabella Borges★★★
Legal Studies

Kobie Abolaji Bowman
Interdisciplinary Studies

Sy'Courtney Bradford
Criminal Justice

Damen Kamal Britt
Narrative Arts

Semaj D. Brown
Interdisciplinary Studies

Marques Jermaine Caldwell
Interdisciplinary Studies

Camila Castro Alvarez★
Legal Studies

Grace Isabel Coleman★
Narrative Arts

Melanie Alexa Dominguez
Criminal Justice

Alan Eduardo Duarte
History

Miriam Fantasia Frost
Family Studies

Juliana Josephine Garcia
Interdisciplinary Studies

Glendy Veronica Gomez
Interdisciplinary Studies

Devion D. Hargrove
Interdisciplinary Studies

Jonathan "Walter" Hlavinka
Interdisciplinary Studies

Nakia Letrail Holmes II
Interdisciplinary Studies

Dawn R. Jackson
Criminal Justice

William Brian Jewell
Interdisciplinary Studies

Iyad Khattab Khalil
Criminal Justice

Stephanie Yamileth Martinez★
Psychology and Spanish

Kency Siloe Mendoza Garcia
Spanish and Criminal Justice

Nekane Grace Moyer★★★
Narrative Arts

Jade Elizabeth New★★
Narrative Arts

Chidiebube Victor Nwanokwu
Narrative Arts

Annette-Mirabel Ogugua Offiah
Medical Humanities

Sydnee Rikki Patterson★★
Legal Studies

Alexia Perez
Spanish and Interdisciplinary Studies

Jessica Saray Rodriguez-Calderon
Interdisciplinary Studies

Lizbeth J. Sanchez
Criminal Justice and Spanish

Kaela N. Scott
Interdisciplinary Studies

Kendal D. Septs
Interdisciplinary Studies

Bangalee Losene Sesay
Interdisciplinary Studies

Natalia Gabrielle Stanberry
Interdisciplinary Studies

Silvanna Rachell Zuluaga★★
Psychology and Spanish

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Khalia Brionne Boutte
Cinematic Arts

Helena An Lewis
Interactive Media and Digital Design

Hiba Said
Cinematic Arts

Stephanie Escalon★★
Graphic Design

Desiree Lisette Pena★
Animation

Edmi Noemi Salazar★★
Animation

John Michael Iannucci
Graphic Design

Alex Piquart★★
Cinematic Arts

Logan Alexander Williams★
Cinematic Arts

BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION

Julian Chavez
Music - Vocal/Keyboard

Lizzette Teresa Noguez★
Music - Vocal/Keyboard

MASTER OF ARTS

Nolawi Negussie
History

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Alyssa Brianna Berry
Screenwriting

Cameron Edward Morvant
Creative Writing

Joel White
Screenwriting

Bryan M. Binder
Screenwriting

Anna Elizabeth Pierce
Studio Art

Angela Marie Willis
Studio Art

ARCHIE W. DUNHAM COLLEGE OF BUSINESS BACHELOR OF ARTS

Christy Beckworth
General Business

Ashton-Jordan Kelechi Emeh
Business Administration

Omar V. Thompson Jr.★
General Business

Stratton Thorn Butaud
Business Administration

Michael Elizabeth Ewing
General Business

Robin Aujel Valsin★★
General Business

Christopher Frederick Cooper
General Business

Joseph Adrian Guerra
General Business

Derek Dion Daniels Jr.
General Business

Cullen James Spadachene★★
Business Administration

★ CUM LAUDE

★★ MAGNA CUM LAUDE

★★★ SUMMA CUM LAUDE

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Lauren Patricia-Jea Atkins
Accounting

Rylee Annaleise Kuhn
Marketing

Adreana Marie Robertson
Management

Milly Barreiro
Marketing

Ashly R. Linares Lopez★★★
Management

Justin Lee Titus
Finance

David Collins
Management

Michelle Nguyen★★
Marketing

Mariela Vidal★★★
Marketing

Andrew Duplantis
Management

Paula Adelina de Sousa Pombolo
Management

Kayla Zepeda★★
International Business

Gage Lee Eastep
Marketing

Rebecca Ashley Ramon
Management

Maria Esmeralda Zepeda★★
Accounting

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Opeyemi Esther Akintoye

Osotohanmwun Olayinka Imafidon

Rogério Nicolson Feijo Palhares

Rachel Mboko Alembi

Muhammad Furqan Khan

Jany Pascoal

Aysis J. Azarcon

Luke James Markley

Maj Domen Sadic

Jason Jeko Blades

Eduardo Gaspar Miranda Sr.

Camille Diane Simmons

Rebeca Isabel Casares Flores

Tendo George Mukasa

Monique Cheric Trotter

Ben Dale Andrew Caton

Knight Newcomb

Branden J. Walker

Madalyn Chavez

Thi Bich Ngoc Nguyen

Alexis M. Williams

Faith E. Hoedzoade

Deborah Olywatoyin Omomehin

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Kendrick Norris Alridge
Management and Entrepreneurship

Henry Chukwu Emeka
Human Resources Management

Olga Ntangsi
Management and Entrepreneurship

Courtney Renea Bray
Human Resources Management

Mikel Joseph Guidry
Human Resources Management

Clemenza Ike Nwinye
Human Resources Management

Ebony Latrese Clark
Human Resources Management

David Jordan Hill
Human Resources Management

Livany Valdivia
Human Resources Management

★ CUM LAUDE

★★ MAGNA CUM LAUDE

★★★ SUMMA CUM LAUDE

LINDA DUNHAM SCHOOL OF NURSING

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Ciro Pablo Calderon Quintero★
Kinesiology - Sport Management

Alexa Tlalli Huerta★★★
Kinesiology - Sport Management

Darrion Adriell Sherfield
Kinesiology - Sport Management

Braden Hay★★★
Kinesiology - Sport Management

Antonio Lorenzo Rivera
Kinesiology - Sport Management

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Chloe Elizabeth Bagshaw★★
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Perla Lara
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Audrey Kay Pearce
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Sander Brauer-Ersoy★★
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Grace Ann McLaughlin★★
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Aayush Kumar Singh
Allied Health

Oscar Alfredo Carcamo
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Jeremy Kasongo Mwarabu
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Hannah Nicole Solorzano
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Yajaira G. Diaz★
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Samantha Nicole Navarro★
Allied Health

Lexie Marie Temple★★★
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Catherine E. Hursh★
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

Grace Binh An Nguyen★★★
Allied Health

Robert Blaine Walter
Kinesiology - Wellness Management

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Elijah James A. Cheng★

Makayla Breann Mcfarland

Steve Philip★★

Alexis Lorraine Camacho Dela Cruz

Tasmiya Mohammad Farooque

Aaliya Daniela Strong

Jacqueline Paulette Garcia★

Melanie Montero

Telice Meadows Terro

Karen Esmeralda Granillo★★

Jasmin R. Nelson

Melany Azenette Villarreal

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Justice Artisst
Kinesiology - Sport Management

Jonathan Christopher Gardner Sr.
Kinesiology - Sport Management

Leah Taylor
Kinesiology - Sport Management

De'Ja Buggs
Kinesiology - Sport Management

Presten Manthey
Kinesiology - Sport Management

Calvin Benard Wiggins Jr.
Kinesiology - Sport Management

Christian Isaiah Diaz
Kinesiology - Sport Management

Gillian Michelle Schatz
Kinesiology - Sport Management

Laurie Ann Everson
Kinesiology - Sport Management

Aaron Michael Sotelo
Kinesiology - Sport Management

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★★ MAGNA CUM LAUDE

★★★ SUMMA CUM LAUDE

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Traceia Charless Brown
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

Gina Ngoc Hoang
Family Nurse Practitioner

Hope Adaobi Waobikeze
Family Nurse Practitioner

Katelyn Smith De Leon
Family Nurse Practitioner

Sukhbir Kaur
Family Nurse Practitioner

China L. Woodard
Family Nurse Practitioner

Anaisa Gordillo
Family Nurse Practitioner

Jessica Onyinyechukwu Obi
Family Nurse Practitioner

Thuong Ho
Family Nurse Practitioner

Jason Seng
Family Nurse Practitioner

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COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Michael Akintunde★
Biology

Noah Keerikattu
Biology

Maria Daniela Puche
Biology

Joud Al Azaat★
Biology

Jareth Robert Emmett Koerner
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Kayla Alessandra Ramon
Biology

Sarah Hicham Alameddine
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Krystal Kelechi Lee
Biology

Anusha Fatima Rizvi
Biology

Zahra Alavi Naini★★★
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Kathryn Nicole Marker★★
Biology

Josue Arnoldo Sandoval
Biology

Najeilee Aponte
Biology

Taylor Alise Marshall
Biology

Samira Silva
Biology

Marlen Elizabeth Avelares
Biology

Maxine N. McMillan
Mathematics

Melissa Anne Snyder★★★
Biology

Lia Y. Canizales
Biology

Audry Mushagalusa
Information Systems

Ava Elizabeth Valley Flowers
Biology

Kaley Yvette Cromer★
Biology

Logan Michael Nguyen
Cyber Engineering

Nikol Alexandra Vasquez★
Biology

Nam-Justin Hoang Dieu★★★
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Andrea Padron
Biology

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Sean D. Horgan
Cybersecurity

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT BACHELOR OF ARTS

Artemis Dainarus Coleman
Biblical Studies

Hannah Marie Marshall
Integrated Behavioral Studies

Tray N. Norton★★
Biblical Studies

Kenneth Charles Comyford
Biblical Studies

Mayuree Matlock★★
Biblical Studies

★ CUM LAUDE

★★ MAGNA CUM LAUDE

★★★ SUMMA CUM LAUDE

MASTER OF ARTS

Rachel Cherie Baker
Apologetics

Anthony Scott Good
Theological Studies

Bryan Mathis II
Biblical Languages

Ricardo C. Concepcion Jr.
Christian Leadership

William M. Hargrove
Theological Studies

Rachel Lynn Moran
Theological Studies

Ashley Corbin
Theological Studies

Darrien Levi Howze
Theological Studies

Latisha L'Vonne Richard
Apologetics

Trisel Michelle Davis
Theological Studies

Violet Rose Katz
Christian Leadership

Pamela Maxine Solet
Theological Studies

Jacob Elliott
Apologetics

Erick T. Loud Sr.
Theological Studies

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Amy Elizabeth Codney
Divinity

Anna Elizabeth Cosby
Divinity

Michael Andrew Warner
Divinity

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES BACHELOR OF ARTS

Anjelika Alarcon
Psychology

Nicholas V. Bui
Psychology

Trinity Macklin
Psychology

Mica Danna Aldaba★
Psychology

Isabella Grace Cheek★★★
Psychology

Stephanie Yamileth Martinez★
Psychology and Spanish

Alondra Yubeiri Aleman
Psychology

Alyssa Brielle Cruz★★★
Psychology

Nathaniel Bao Quy Nguyen
Psychology

Keyana Marie Archer★★★
Family Studies and Psychology

Diep (Deedee) Hoang Do
Psychology

Emily Perez
Psychology

Sara Vanessa Arroyo
Psychology

Nazlee Yasmin Hasan★★★
Psychology

Nathan Plaks
Psychology

Amy Kay Barnhart★★
Psychology

Diajanae Hillard
Psychology

Carla Daniela Ramirez★★
Psychology

Brooke Rene Bigford★★
Psychology

Bryce Alexander Howard★★★
Psychology

Estephany Rangel
Psychology

Jaylen Bishop★★
Psychology

Celine Hoang Le★★
Psychology

Abigail Grace Rickards
Psychology

★ CUM LAUDE

★★ MAGNA CUM LAUDE

★★★ SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Brianna Marie Rodriguez
Psychology

Bella Adanech Schelhaas
Psychology

Megan Ruth Shaver★
Psychology

Allison Elizabeth Stallworth
Psychology

Amber Rene Swanson
Psychology

Makayla Damonie-Nicole Vallian
Psychology

La'Shira Nicole Washington
Psychology

Silvanna Rachell Zuluaga★★
Psychology and Spanish

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Brittyn DeNeil Hughes★
*Elementary Education with Teacher
Certification with ESL and SPED*

Benjamin Uziel Lima★★★
*Mathematics (7-12) with Teacher
Certification and ESL*

MASTER OF ARTS

Rabiatu Maryam Abdullahi
Human Services

Monica Arenas
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Christa Leigh Bednarek
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

McKenzie Elizabeth Belton
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Devon Krisstopher Blackshear
Psychology

Lauren Haley Chapa
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

James Clifford Chappell
Marriage and Family Therapy

Nicholas S. Clinton
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Victoria Danielle Coffman
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

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Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Quiana Nicole Darden
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Natalie Anne Dindorf
Christian Counseling

Idongesit James Ekanem
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Kerry Ann Ekleberry
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Shelby Sundin Eller
Christian Counseling

Sarah Elsadre
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Uduak Eshiet
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Ethan Hayes Everts
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Kandice Nicole Ewing
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Emmanuel Chidera Ezeokeke
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Kayla Fletcher
Human Services

Shantle Foster
Human Services

Jayda Gabriel
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Briana Susef Gomez Ramirez
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Marisol Gonzales
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Gabriel G. Gonzalez
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Kathryn Jasmine Green
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Payton Joyce Griffith
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Lara Elizabeth Hannaford
Marriage and Family Therapy

Valarie R. Haro
Marriage and Family Therapy

Eryka Ebere Henry-Obike
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Charricka Babers Hewitt
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Frieda Hoffer
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Chelsea Dawn James
Human Services

Kami Raelynn Jordan
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Andrea M. Knight
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

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★★ MAGNA CUM LAUDE

★★★ SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Olakunbi Ifeoluwa Kolawole
Psychology

Candice Marie Kretschman
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Claudia Alejandrina Lamas-Salinas
Human Services

Selina Lerma
Psychology

Crystal Lina Lopez
Marriage and Family Therapy

Julia Grace Lowrey
Marriage and Family Therapy

Michael Kennedy Lozano
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Katrina Carmen Maloney
Marriage and Family Therapy

De'Avione E. Mellieon
Psychology

Andi Minter
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Mi Xuan Nguyen
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Carmen G. Palacios
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Presley Reese Payne
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Crystal Nicole Porter
Human Services

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Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Rabia Salman
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Brittany Natesa Spann
Human Services

Michelle Stantial
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Autumn Noelle Sydlik
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Brittany T. Thompson
Marriage and Family Therapy

Amy Rae Turner
Marriage and Family Therapy

Julia Wall
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Chanise Maria Webb
Marriage and Family Therapy

Bethany Dawn Wehring
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Davi'Aunna Na'Shae White
Human Services

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Dominique Dunlap DeMoss
Professional School Counseling

Saverio Treavon Hampton
Curriculum and Instruction

Jeanette Guidry Marshall
Curriculum and Instruction

Jessica Maria Mendoza
Curriculum and Instruction with Certification

Malika Ordean Mims
Professional School Counseling

Sean Peter St. Clair
Curriculum and Instruction

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Sana Din
Learning, Technology, and Design

Brent Ferguson
Learning, Technology, and Design

LaShondra A. J. Taylor
Learning, Technology, and Design

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Antoinette S. Baptiste
Executive Leadership in Mental Health and Human Services

CLINICIANS' PERSPECTIVES ON BARRIERS TO MENTAL HEALTH CARE IN THE CARIBBEAN

Olubunmi Omolara Bernard-Njoku
Executive Educational Leadership

A DESCRIPTIVE STUDY OF COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS IN TEXAS

Chara LeeMor Bowie
Executive Leadership in Mental Health and Human Services

IMPACT OF MASS INCARCERATION ON POPULATION HEALTH: A PHENOMENOLOGICAL STUDY OF FORMERLY INCARCERATED MALES IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES IN HARRIS COUNTY

Kimberly Re'Shawn Davis
Executive Leadership in Mental Health and Human Services

THE INFLUENCE OF MENTAL HEALTH STIGMA AND ETHNIC IDENTITY ON AFRICAN AMERICAN MALES' COUNSELING EXPECTATIONS: CULTURAL INFLUENCES ON THERAPY SESSIONS

John Adam Donahue
Executive Leadership in Mental Health and Human Services

A NARRATIVE STUDY ON UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF AUTHENTIC LEADERSHIP IN MITIGATING THE LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF CHILDHOOD TRAUMA ON MENTAL HEALTH AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Carrie Abston Pearson
Special Education Leadership

SELF-EFFICACY OF COLLEGE STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES IN TRADITIONAL DISABILITY SERVICES AS COMPARED TO STUDENTS IN A SPECIALIZED TUTORING/ COACHING PROGRAM

Nicole Vantrece Rich
Executive Leadership in Mental Health and Human Services

VOICES WITHIN THE SAFESPACE: PERCEPTION OF 'GROW YOUR OWN' GRANT PROGRAM TEACHER PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR PREPAREDNESS IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH TEACHER SHORTAGES

Amber Yvette Wilson
Special Education Leadership

PROMOTING POST-SECONDARY TRANSITION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: STUDENTS' EXPERIENCES AND TEACHER KNOWLEDGE

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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Dr. Phil Tallon, Dean, School of Christian Thought

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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God bless our school. Keep her safe and true.

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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