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UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-DOWNTOWN

77th Commencement

December 16, 2024

NRG ARENA





University of Houston-Downtown

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR



Dear University of Houston-Downtown Graduates,

Today's graduation marks the start of a bright new beginning. As a college graduate, you have achieved something truly remarkable, and as chancellor of the University of Houston System, it is my honor to congratulate you on this tremendous milestone.

As you reflect on this moment, take pride in knowing it was your hard work, intellect, perseverance and belief in yourself that got you here. Equally important was the unwavering support of those around you. These values and connections have shaped who you are today and will propel you forward in your professional journey.

As you move ahead, remember the power of paying it forward. Be a mentor to someone else who dreams of achieving what you have. And remember to express gratitude to your professors, advisors, family and friends who supported you along the way.

The first-class education you've received at UHD has provided you with the tools to thrive. You now join the ranks of UHD alumni who have gone on to remarkable success in their fields—whether as business leaders, scientists, teachers, health or criminal justice professionals. I have no doubt that you will also find your path to success and reach your full potential.

Congratulations, Gators! The world is yours.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Renu Khator". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Renu Khator, Ph.D.

Chancellor, University of Houston System

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Graduates,

I commend you on the time and effort you have invested to complete your degree. Reaching this milestone required equal measures of dedication and determination, and I proudly extend my sincere congratulations to each of you.

As a graduate of the University of Houston-Downtown, you now have the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to lead with excellence. I have no doubt that employers are seeking candidates with your profile—candidates with the resilience to overcome immense challenges, the desire to serve others along the way, and the talent to reach destinations once unimagined.

Now that you are an alum of the University of Houston-Downtown, you have a new extended family of more than 69,500 UHD alumni, including leaders across industries, impactful public servants, and accomplished entrepreneurs. As you journey into and through the next stage of your life, remember to stay in touch with your UHD family and connect to this powerful network; you will find the bond to be everlasting.

Today is also the day to recognize the friends and family members who encouraged you throughout this challenging journey. They, too, have played a role in your success, and their support will guide you as you continue your professional journey. As you go forward, remember to lift others along the way. Your circle of influence is now larger than ever.

Once again, I commend and congratulate each of you, and I wish you the absolute best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Loren J. Blanchard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Loren J. Blanchard, Ph.D.

President, University of Houston-Downtown

University of Houston-Downtown

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History of the University of Houston-Downtown

In 1974, the University of Houston acquired the assets of South Texas Junior College and opened the University of Houston-Downtown College (UHDC) at One Main Street as a four-year institution. By the end of the 1970s, the Texas Legislature approved UHDC as a distinct university in the University of Houston System.

UHDC focused on meeting the needs of Houston's diverse and dynamic workforce. The first four-year degree was a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, and resident students paid \$4 per credit hour. By the early 1980s, it was clear that UHDC was more than a college. It was officially renamed the University of Houston-Downtown (UHD).

In the 1990s, UHD was the state's third-fastest-growing university and focused on becoming a premier, metropolitan university, appealing to traditional and nontraditional students as well as working professionals. Campus growth continued with the opening of the Academic Building and the Jesse H. Jones Student Life Center.

UHD then earned full approval from the Texas Legislature and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to offer graduate programs, beginning with a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice. The University also expanded its partnerships with Lone Star College (LSC) to offer select degrees and courses at UHD-Northwest, housed in the LSC-University Center, and LSC-Kingwood to create pathways for more transfer students to earn UHD degrees.

In the late 1990s, the Commerce Street Building opened as the new home for the College of Public Service, followed by the Shea Street Building opening as the home for the College of Business in the early 2000s. In 2012, UHD celebrated another milestone as it enrolled the first class of MBA students in the College of Business.

In 2016, a 26,000-square-foot Welcome Center opened its doors, and the O'Kane Gallery landed a new home featuring exhibitions for student, faculty, local, and national artists.

In 2017, a historic \$10 million endowment was received from native Houstonian Marilyn Davies to support the College of Business' growing programs, including one of the largest MBA programs in the region. In recognition of the gift, the College is now the Marilyn Davies College of Business.

UHD then expanded its campus footprint—thanks to the addition of more than 17 acres—with the award-winning, state-of-the-art College of Sciences and Technology Building in 2020. Dedicated to the health and wellness of the campus community, the new Wellness & Success Center (WSC) opened its doors in January 2023. The WSC features an indoor running track, a customized bouldering wall, a large multipurpose space with demonstration kitchen capabilities, and study/meeting spaces.

Today, UHD is the second-largest university in the city, offers bachelor's degrees in 45 areas of study and 12 master's programs, and boasts more than 69,500 alumni. The University is recognized nationally as a Hispanic-Serving Institution, a Minority-Serving Institution, and a Military-Friendly School—indicators of a diverse and vibrant student body—just like the city we call home.

Symbols



The Seal

The University of Houston-Downtown's official seal reflects the history of the community. It is an adaptation of the coat of arms of the family of Sam Houston, the hero of San Jacinto. The Houston coat of arms is centered by a shield that dates back to the 11th century when William the Conqueror invaded England.

The Procession

Bearing the official mace of the University, the Grand Marshal leads the procession of candidates for graduation, along with the Associate Marshal, bearing the banner of the University. The faculty follow the candidates, accompanied by Assistant Marshals. The official platform party then takes its place, including the Board of Regents and the Chancellor of the University of Houston System or a designee, the President of UHD, and other officers and friends of the University.

The Mace

The ceremonial mace, derived from medieval weapons, acquired academic significance when Queen Elizabeth I presented a replica of her own royal mace to the University of Oxford in 1589. King Charles I made a similar gift to Cambridge University in 1625.

The University of Houston-Downtown mace is a ceremonial symbol of the Office of the President that represents strength and scholastic integrity and is carried by a distinguished member of the faculty. Protocol requires the use of the mace in the processional and recessional of major academic ceremonies.

The University of Houston-Downtown mace is 5.6-feet long with a tapered shaft constructed in walnut. Four, three-inch University seals cast in antiqued bronze are affixed on each side of a rounded square atop the mace, which features a brass finial depicting a round flame. Along the mace's shaft, five bronze plates feature the words: Excellence, Student Success, Inclusiveness, Respect, Integrity.

Academic Dress

The attire worn in the academic procession reflects symbolism dating back to the 12th and 13th centuries. Medieval scholars resembled the clergy of the era in dress and in some practices, such as taking vows and shaving heads. Standard costumes in academic settings included hoods and long gowns, perhaps worn for warmth in drafty buildings.

Academic institutions in the United States in 1895 first adopted a code of academic dress, which has been revisited at various times by the American Council of Education, the major coordinating body for the nation's higher education institutions.

While most universities and colleges adhere to the basic elements of the academic costume code, the guidelines can be adapted for individual institutions. At UHD, for example, bachelor's candidates do not wear hoods. A black mortarboard is worn with a tassel hanging over the right front quadrant of the cap. Traditionally, the tassel is shifted to the left after degrees are conferred.

The gowns worn by master's candidates have a slightly different style than those worn by undergraduates. All master's graduates receive a hood from a representative of their college or academic department. The colors in the satin lining of these hoods traditionally represent the colors of the university. For UHD, the colors are dark blue and red.

The honors cords draped across the shoulders of a gown indicate academic honors. Graduation with the highest distinction—a grade point average (GPA) of 3.80 or higher—is *Summa Cum Laude* and is represented by combined red and white cords. Red cords indicate graduation with great distinction—a GPA of 3.6–3.79—or *Magna Cum Laude*. White cords indicate *Cum Laude* honors or graduation with distinction—a GPA of 3.4–3.59.

Academic dress for faculty is distinctive. The doctor's gown is trimmed in velvet, and hoods are worn with colors that hold significance. The hood lining is in the colors of the college or university conferring the degree, and the color of the binding indicates the degree subject.

Faculty Hood Colors

Brown

Fine Arts, including Architecture

Citron

Social Work

Copper

Economics

Crimson

Journalism

Dark Blue

Philosophy

Drab

Commerce, Accountancy, Business

Golden Yellow

Science

Green

Medicine

Light Blue

Education

Orange

Engineering

Peacock Blue

Public Administration

Pink

Music

Purple

Law

Salmon Pink

Public Health

White

Arts, Letters, Humanities

Academic Degree Programs

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Bachelor of Arts
Communication Studies
English
Fine Arts
History
Humanities
Philosophy
Social Sciences
Spanish
Bachelor of Science
Health and Behavioral Science
Interdisciplinary Studies
Political Science
Psychology
Social Sciences
Sociology
Technical Communication
Master of Arts
Non-Profit Management
Rhetoric and Composition
Master of Science
Strategic Communication
Technical Communication

College of Public Service

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences
Criminal Justice
Bachelor of Arts in Education
(Teacher Certification)
Bachelor of Science
Criminal Justice
Bachelor of Social Work*
Master of Arts
Teaching
Master of Educational Leadership
Master of Science
Criminal Justice

College of Sciences and Technology

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences
Safety Management
Bachelor of Arts
Mathematics
Bachelor of Science
Applied Statistics
Biological and Physical Sciences
Biology
Biotechnology
Chemistry
Computer Science
Data Science
Geosciences
Mathematics
Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology
Control and Instrumentation**
Structural Analysis and Design**
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
R.N. to B.S.N.
Master of Science
Data Analytics
Artificial Intelligence

Marilyn Davies College of Business

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences
Applied Administration
Bachelor of Business Administration
Accounting***
Finance***
General Business***
Human Resources***
Risk Management and Insurance***
International Business***
Management***
Management Information Systems***
Marketing***
Supply Chain Management***
Master of Business Administration***
Master of Professional Accountancy***
Master of Security Management

* Accredited by the Council on Social Work Education

** Accredited by the Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission of Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology

*** Accredited by AACSB International—Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business

MARILYN DAVIES COLLEGE OF BUSINESS / COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY - 1 P.M.

Pre-ceremony	Mariachi Emperadores De Mexico
Processional	
Call to Order	Jerry Johnson, Ph.D. Grand Marshal
Welcome	Loren J. Blanchard, Ph.D. President
National Anthem	UHD Concert Chorale Director, Orlando Williams
Recognition of Platform Party	Deborah E. Bordelon, Ph.D. Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Greetings from the University of Houston System Board of Regents	The Honorable Tomas A. Bryan Student Regent
Student Speaker	Nadia Camacho College of Sciences and Technology
Commencement Address	The Honorable Mario Castillo City Council Member, District H
President's Remarks	Loren J. Blanchard, Ph.D.
Presentation of Degree Candidates	Deborah E. Bordelon, Ph.D. Jonathan Davis, Ph.D. Dean, Marilyn Davies College of Business Akif Uzman, Ph.D. Dean, College of Sciences and Technology
Conferral & Awarding of Degrees	Loren J. Blanchard, Ph.D. Deborah E. Bordelon, Ph.D.
Concluding Remarks	Deborah E. Bordelon, Ph.D.
Alma Mater	UHD Concert Chorale Director, Orlando Williams
Recessional	Mariachi Emperadores De Mexico

Calling of Degrees by Susan Henney, Ph.D., Professor, Social Sciences and Timothy Redl, Ph.D.,
Professor, Mathematics and Statistics

University Marshals

Grand Marshal

Jerry Johnson, Ph.D.

Associate Grand Marshal

Lanyi Yan Zhang, Ph.D., MBA, FCCA

Marilyn Davies College of Business

Richard Conde, Ph.D.

Zhonghao Wang, Ph.D. (banner carrier)

College of Sciences and Technology

Mitsue Nakamura, MS

Adrian Visbal, Ph.D. (banner carrier)

GUEST SPEAKER

Mario Castillo

Council Member
City of Houston - District H



Born and raised in the heart of District H, Mario Castillo models giving back to the community to generate sustainable improvement. Applying lessons learned from his grandfather who immigrated to the United States and established Castillo's Realty, a small business that thrived for 47 years in Houston's Near Northside neighborhood, Council Member Castillo employs his passion for community service to improving public health and quality of life for all Houstonians.

After graduating from the High School for Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, Council Member Castillo continued his academic pursuits at Texas A&M University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science and a master's degree in Public Health. He then embarked on his career in public service, beginning with organizing communities to facilitate health insurance enrollment through the Affordable Care Act. In 2016, he assumed the role of District H Chief of Staff, gaining valuable insights into the intricacies of local government and the challenges faced by residents. He subsequently applied this knowledge to translate complex health data into actionable public health information through his work with the Houston Health Department.

Council Member Castillo was proud to be recognized as the Larry Banagaris Leadership Team Member of the Year in 2022 for his service on the Houston LGBTQ Political Caucus Board. He currently serves as Executive Director of Your Houston, a grassroots non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life throughout Houston.

STUDENT SPEAKER

Nadia Camacho

Bachelor of Science in Data Science
College of Sciences & Technology



Nadia Camacho's journey to graduation wasn't a straight line. A first-generation student originally from Florida (although she now considers herself a Houstonian), Camacho navigated some rough academic waters in her early academic career before finding solid ground in the Data Science program at UHD.

As a scholarship recipient and dedicated member of the Scholars Academy, she's embraced opportunities to delve deeper into her field, as she has presented at the Hispanic Educational Technology Services conference in Puerto Rico, where she showcased her skills on a national stage. Additionally, she's gained valuable hands-on experience through an internship at Industrial Info Resources, a global market intelligence firm based in Sugar Land, where she's honed her skills in data cleaning, scripting, and working with energy sector data.

Camacho also participated in undergraduate research, collaborating with a team of biologists to analyze mosquito trap data from around Houston. She played a key role in retrieving and integrating census data on a project with potential public health implications.

Beyond academics, she is passionate about giving back. Through the Scholars Academy, Camacho has volunteered her time to inspire young minds through engaging STEM activities, sparking curiosity and a love for learning in her neighborhood through a partnership with local restaurants.

As she prepares to embark on her professional career, she carries with her a deep sense of gratitude for the support and guidance she received at UHD. The unwavering dedication of her family, friends, professors, and mentors in the Scholars Academy, along with her own hard work, have positioned her for success.



MARILYN DAVIES COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

**DECEMBER 16, 2024
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CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

MARILYN DAVIES COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Master of Business Administration

Rania Al Issa
Milagros Esther Alarcon
Jennifer V. Aldana
Tabassum Ali
Zinitra D. Allen
James Allison
Susie Almaguer
Mayte Alvarez
Clarence Martin Anderson
Roberto Matias Arredondo
Jordan A. Beasley
Iliana Sofia Becerra
Eduardo Aaron Beltran
Jake Reid Berry
Nikkynn Berteau
Hassan Frank Beveney
Ukegbu Beverly
Lucian A. Blackburn
Ariel A. Bonnee
Nikhil Deepak Brahmabhatt
Jasmine Liliana Builes
Stephanie R. Burnett
Shakera Tyjay Calhoun
Alvin Montreche Carter
Alysha N. Carter
Karen Adriana Castellanos
Cristina Castillo
Flora Castillo
Kimberly Dayana Castillo
Leslie Chagolla
Sandra Cortes
Ernesto Jose Cortes Cuevas
Ian Joseph Crear
Rachel Cumbo
Deja Davis
Marissa N. Davis
Megan Elaine Devoy
Viet Tuan Dinh
Julissa Margarita Disla
Amariah Denise Dixon
Diana Dolan
Samiullah Durrani
Lena D. Eckert
Betsy Michelle Edwards
Etieno Ekwere
Shatihya Vonee Elliott
Aracely Brendaly Escobar

Stefany Evangelista
Karen Evans
Laura Anne Fleming
Yesenia Beatriz Flores
Cheyenne Kasiah Francois
Taylor Sade French
Cicely Devon Taylor Gallegos
Toni Garefalos
Melizza Garza
Ernesto Gaytan
Taylor Marie George
Sweety Lalitkumar Ghetiya
Monica Gomez
Rocio Idalia Gomez
Jessica Anne Govella
Khalyn Grant
Franklin Jose Guanipa Navarro
Mohamad Danyal Annees Gurmani
Bianca I. Gutierrez
Giselle Gutierrez
Marque Antone Harmon
Siomara Estela Hernandez
Valerie R. Hernandez
Luis Enrique Herrada
Alysha Sheri-Marie Herrera
Lenka Hlavacova
Lewis Alun Hopkins
Mia Hopson
Omayra Gabriela Hosein
Md Monir Hosen
Laura Elizabeth Hutzler
Embler C. Igwe
Nicholas F. Jackson
Grace Bongo Jallah
Carla D. James
Garrett Wayne Johnson
Katelynn Victoria Johnson
Katherine Jones
Amanda Latrice Joseph
Wing Yin Kam
Anum Khan
Semirat Kuku
Lee Alfred Lafleur
Julia E. Landry
Lashanda Renee Lane
Alison Le
Elizabeth Leija
Arturo De Jesus Lopez
Ngombi Danielle Lossangoye

Mayra Alejandra Lucio
Diego Luna Parra
Tojo T. Malayil
Samantha L. Marshall
Lizette Viescas Martin
Franklin Martinez
Nancy Diana Martinez
Muhammed Ali Masood
Karen Marie Mayes
Shaughnessy Ann Mccaleb
Sean McClure
Daniel W. Mccowin
Kimbrec Mcdaniel
Jonathon A. Mcdonnell
Muhammad Hasnain Merchant
Matthew Michels
Bryan Mikich
Diego Miranda
Mark Patrick Mittelsted
Isabel Dena Montalvo
Gabrielle Alysse Moreno
Sandra Vasquez Moreno
Christopher Joseph Morgan
Briah I. Napier
Eduardo Nava
Nickwanda Nelson
Oanh Kim Ngo
Think Gia Ngo
Brittany L. Nguyen
Hoang Minh Anh Nguyen
Ted Nguyen
Irene Monge Nunez
Christopher Patrick Nunnallee
Amir Rousef Olmos Soto
Octavio Lopez Olvera
Jefry Eduardo Orellana
Jimmy Perez
Natalie Perez
Chadd Dominic Phillips
Kathleen Mary Prichard
Anamaria Ramirez
Amber Rose Rangel
Sadia Chantell Ravate
Calef Requena

* Cum Laude
** Magna Cum Laude
*** Summa Cum Laude

Enrique Requena
Laurese Meshell Richmond
Faizan Shujaat Rizvi
Alana Wanda Roberts
Mariel Rocha-Narvaez
Francisco Martin Rodriguez
Kavon Sabet
Mame Seye Sall
Everett D. Sandate
Ryan C. Sanders
Keosha A. Scott
Alayna Lynee Scurlock
Eduardo Segura
Rena Puanani Simmons
Leticia Smolyaninov
Kira Carmelita Soria-Ramirez
Skye Olevia Steele
Yancy Eugene Stephens
Brendan Roger Strei
Lakendra Rayshaun Stroops
Alisha Ahana Nilma Suazo
Muhammad Royyan Talullah
Kristella Guadalupe Tamez
Jenifer Rae Thomas
Robert Kurt Topacio
Marina Alicia Torres
Ramiro Alejandro Torres
Christy Tran
Marcela Trejo
Grecia Fernanda Trejo-Soria
Cameron Virgil Turner
Jazmine Cierra Lee Ann Turner
Deatrice Valentine
Elizabeth Vargas
Freddi T. Voorhies
Janee Nicole Whitaker
Darian K. Williams
Desirae L. Wright
Omar Fawwaz Yassin
Irencarr P. Young
Jesus Gerardo Zavala, Jr.

Master of Professional Accountancy

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Saray C. Alvarado
Jennifer Briagas
Amber Kay Bullock
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Alyssa M. Cardenas
Alondra Cerda
Jacqueline Clark
Fredric Davis
Kristie Jeneen Donahue

Alexandra Michelle Garcia
Reginald Greer
Dinora Martinez
Jorge L. Martinez
Vu Hoang Nguyen
Vy Thao Nguyen
Michelle Lee Ochoa
Bobbie J. Phelps
Ariel Laval Proctor
Priscilla Ramirez
Mariselda Rivas
Rohan Carlington Sawyers
Steven Michael Shelton
Precious Ilesha Stansberry
Gabriela Fernanda Valladares
Asher Van Dyk
Elizabeth Vences-Diaz
Ravi Wadhwa
Amanda Gayle Walker
Lela Walker
Stephen Weigand

Master of Security Management

Clarissa Arguelles
Elizabeth Arvizu
Nitzia Isela Berlanga Reyes
Janie Marie Bilbao
Christopher John Clement
Carl Cameron Ford, Jr.
Richard James Galvan
Alfonso Garcia
Kiara D. Garner
To Thanh Ha
Marylyn Renee Harris
Chika-Onyinye Crysta Izuakor
Felix Jackson
Marquitho A. Kentish
Abdul Samad Khan
Byron Keith MCGowen
Jayleen Lynn McMarion
Marcus Mitchell
Ukamaka Juliet Nduka
Devonie Ruth Nelson
Chien Minh Nguyen
Philip Nguyen
Oghenemene Elma Oriayo
Christian Javier Perez
Josslynn Ne'chelle Phelps-Victorian
Ramachander Rao Racharla
Antonio A. Rivas Ponce
Rahul Tangri
David Anthony Thomas
Da'mon Tillis-Metoyer
Lissette Renderos Walker
Adeela Yunus

Bachelor Programs

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Ezequiel Antonio Abelar
Blayne Patrick Adams ***
Kevin Adcock
Johnathan Orighomisan Aforigho ***
Cristian Juan Ageitos *
Alex Anthony Aguilar *
Arianna Michelle Aguilar
Izekiel M. Aguilar
Sebastian Aguilar Gonzalez ***
Odai H. Ahmad
Ameer Hyder Al Anssari
Nida Mahmood Al Hasan
Khaled J. Al-Ali *
Jacqueline Danielle Alanis *
Gabriela Alcalá
Annette G. Aldaco
Janelle Aurora Aldawoudi
Nicole Alejo
Adalia Aleman ***
Cesar A. Aleman
Ethan E. Aleman
Setit Mahamud Aleson
Aaron Alex
Camille Chantal Alexander
Carla Alexander
Carlos Alfaro **
Abeer M. Ali **
Mohammad Hassan Ali
Jared Dujon Alix
Naijah Tyshai Allen
Russell Almeida
George Alvarado
Kathia V. Alvarenga ***
Melanie P. Alvarez
Stephanie Abigail Alvarez *
Natalia Amaro
Zaid B. Amer
Krystal Rebecca Amezcuita Boggs **
Sharie Kubiak Andrada
Jesenia Andrade
Jennifer Angel Garcia
Jessica L. Aranda
Gabriela Melissa Araya Vargas
Petra Breeanna Arceneaux
Lee O. Ardoin
Erick Alexander Ardon
Viviana A. Arellano **
Jennifer Argueta ***
Milagros Antonieta Arias
Vanity Lynn Arocena
Natalie L. Arredondo
Raul Arreguin
Jonathan Alexander Arreola

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** Magna Cum Laude
*** Summa Cum Laude

Adrian Artiga
Shehbaz Asif **
Ali Askari *
Enrique Aviles
Lance Marquis Aviles **
Caitlyn R. Axelrod
Genesis Anais Ayala
Alondra Samantha Ayala-Figueroa
Destiny Marie Azanza
Noemi Ivet Bahena
Mirza Taimoor Baig
Porcha Samone Baily *
Megan Nicole Baldrige
Sara Nicole Baldwin ***
Ana Gelcia Sambo Banda *
Sina Bandarriggi
Daniel Alan Bankus ***
Nyree D. Barefield *
Emily Barton
Eman Basel ***
Zachary Tarkan Baslangic
D'andrea Monique Bassett
Zouzou Leocadie Batiste
Rafael Josue Bautista *
Sarah J. Bazaldua *
Anthony Matthew Beishir *
Carolina E. Bejarano
Alvin Chodo Bell
Alexander Norman Benson
Wendie Benton ***
Dalton Lee Berglan *
Francy Isabel Bermudez
Reaven Lena Bernard **
Kayla Ashanti Berry
Nick Bezuijen **
Riya Jiteshkumar Bhakta ***
Tia Roshawn Blackshure
Lina Marcela Blanquicet-Ortega
Angelina Blasi-Celis
Emily Alexandra Bojorquez
Jennifer Alexandra Bolainez
Crysta Bombasi **
Eric Antonio Bonilla ***
Morgan Lanae Bonner
Vincent Bonoan, Jr. ***
Shannon Marie Borom
Sydney Alise Boston
Kelsey Bowen
Kelvin Zion Briggs
Schawna Leigh Briney **
Shawna N. Brinkley
Jose Roberto Brioso, Jr. *
Jada L. Broussard **
Yaritza Y. Bucio *
Crystal A. Buck
Nicholas Hieu Xuan Bui **
Taylor R. Bullard *
Dasia J. Burnett
Hector Alejandro Cabrera

Yanet Cabrera
Florence Danielle Cadwell *
Destinee Renae Cagan *
Aurora Calvin ***
Vanessa Calzada
Celeste Ann Caminos *
Ramon Hosea Campbell
Mark Campos
Yareli Campos
Reina Guadalupe Candelas
Mateo Daniel Canon
Kyle Dominic Deguzman Capulong
Emmily Cardozo *
Chloe Elizabeth Carlisto *
Deyadira Carreon
Kassandra Carrizales
Cynthia Yarelli Castaneda
Joseli Castaneda **
Pamela Castaneda ***
Alyssa N. Castellano ***
Jennifer Castillo ***
Yadhira Castillo
Gissela Castillo Baez
Angel Castro *
Reina Patricia Castro *
Dominicq Cavezza
Christopher Mikael Celestin
Librado Cerda, Jr.
Diana Evonne Cervantes *
Jonathan Cervantes *
Shivjeet Chandok **
Giselle Chavez
Michael Joseph Coleman
Jasmin Cooper *
Vincent Wesley Cooper
Christian Nereida Coronado
Ashly Yamiley Cortinas
Christian L. Cotie
Anthony Omar Cruz *
Kiana M. Cruz
Loren Ashley Cruz ***
Reina E. Cruz Castillo ***
Ricardo Cuadra
Kendall R. Cunningham
Whitlee Breana Curry
Man Dang ***
Timothy Daniel
Krystiana Cambri Daniels
Ronnie Alexander Danner
Kia Daughtry
Jacoby Davila
Alexandria Victoria Davis *
Maria Davis **
Malika Yashayevna Davrishova ***
Alexandra Monique De Los Santos *
Christina Annette Decker
Andrea Delagarza *

Rhina M. Delcid Barraza
Marissa C. Delgado
Tatiana Delgado
Eric Enrique Delvillar
Mario J. Deras
Tammy Devine *
Artemio Diaz *
Cindy Janette Diaz ***
Ruby Guadalupe Diaz *
Dawan Dickerson
Travis Ahmad Dixon
Nicosha Richelle Donaldson ***
Courtney P. Dorsey
Richard R. Doughtie
David Douglas *
Sydney Darriel Dundar
Jamie Ngoc Duong *
Audrey Grace Durio ***
Olafimihan A. Durosola
Ricardo Salomon Edu
Akudo Destiny Egu
Yazeed M. Elmasri **
Miguel Angel Escamilla
Fabiola Escobedo
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COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES / COLLEGE OF PUBLIC SERVICE - 5:30 P.M.

Pre-ceremony	Mariachi Emperadores De Mexico
Processional	
Call to Order	Laura Cesarco Eglin, Ph.D. Grand Marshal
Welcome	Loren J. Blanchard, Ph.D. President
National Anthem	UHD Concert Chorale Director, Orlando Williams
Recognition of Platform Party	Deborah E. Bordelon, Ph.D. Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Greetings from the University of Houston System Board of Regents	The Honorable Tomas A. Bryan Student Regent
Student Speaker	Jaxon Raye College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Commencement Address	The Honorable Joaquin Martinez City Council Member, District I
President's Remarks	Loren J. Blanchard, Ph.D.
Presentation of Degree Candidates	Deborah E. Bordelon, Ph.D. Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Ph.D. Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences Kim Martin-Long, Ph.D. Interim Dean, College of Public Service
Conferral & Awarding of Degrees	Loren J. Blanchard, Ph.D. Deborah E. Bordelon, Ph.D.
Concluding Remarks	Deborah E. Bordelon, Ph.D.
Alma Mater	UHD Concert Chorale Director, Orlando Williams
Recessional	Mariachi Emperadores De Mexico

Calling of Degrees by Susan Henney, Ph.D., Professor, Social Sciences and Timothy Redl, Ph.D.,
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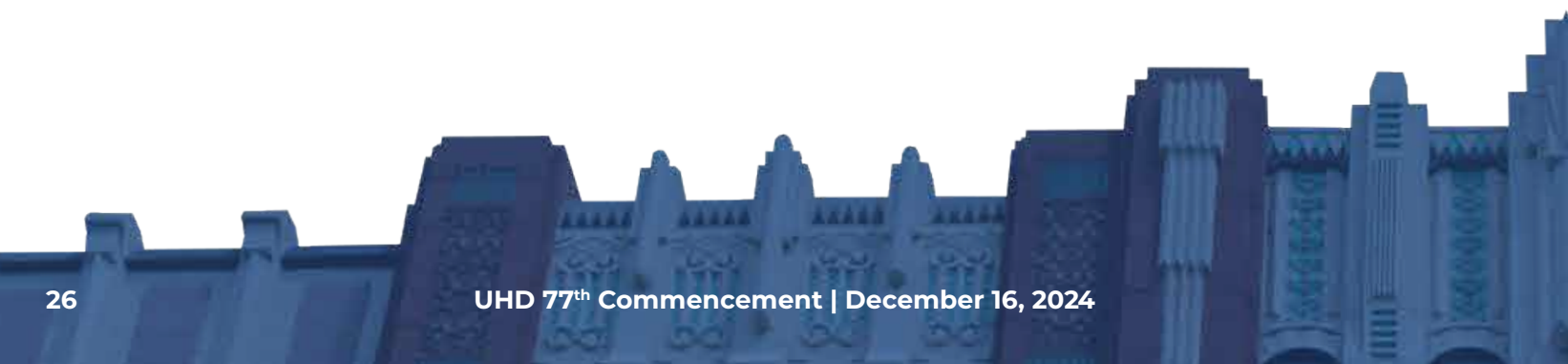
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GUEST SPEAKER

Joaquin Martinez

Council Member
City of Houston - District I



Born and raised in the East End of Houston, Joaquin Martinez, one of 12 kids, has vivid memories of community-based initiatives such as Navidad en el Barrio, local school supply drives, and food distributions that lightened the burden for his large family. His father's investment in other children as a little league baseball coach further instilled in him the importance of teamwork, leadership, and selfless service.

Today, he carries out his appreciation for family, community, and service through both his work as Council Member for District I and through active volunteerism, often serving the same organizations that supported his community and aided his family during his childhood.

A proud UHD alumnus, embodying Gator spirit and grit, Council Member Martinez graduated in 2019 with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science. He then embarked on his career in public service, expanding his reach to directly impact the quality of life for all Houstonians. In addition to collaborating with non-profit agencies such as BakerRipley, he has served on the boards of Arte Publico Press and the Tejano Center for Community Concerns, empowering residents through sustained networks of support and emphasizing the power of literacy and the arts. Through his work as Youth Development Manager for Neighborhood Centers, Inc., he led innovative solutions to address the nuanced needs of our city's youth.

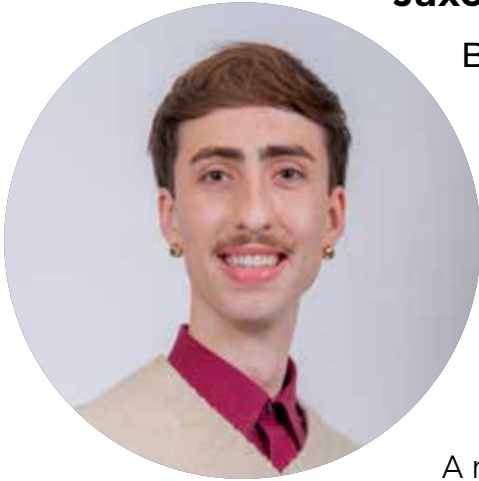
With over a decade of experience in public service, Council Member Martinez is an expert in team building and has a knack for pulling together individuals committed to serving others. As a public servant, he meets the people at their point of need and works to ensure responsible use of tax dollars, efficient city services, improved housing conditions and public safety, accessible resources, and economic development opportunities.

Today, Council Member Martinez serves as the Chair of the Council Committee on Ethics and Governance, Alternate on HGAC's Transportation Council, as well as the Houston First Corporation Board of Directors.

STUDENT SPEAKER

Jaxon Raye

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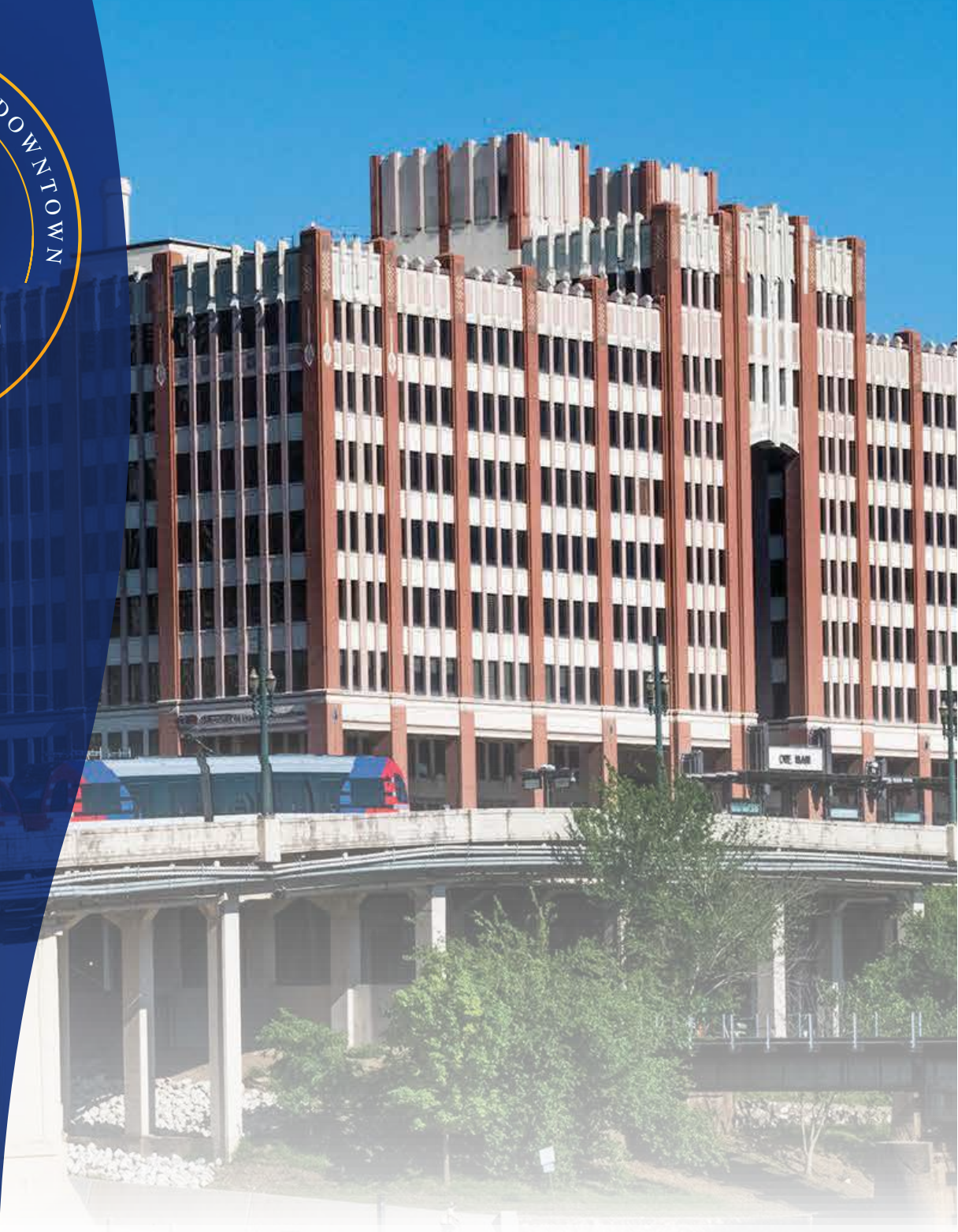


Jaxon Raye hails from South Dakota and lived in five other states before arriving in Texas in 2014. Once here, he completed two years of community college and transferred to UHD, where he found a home in the Political Science and Philosophy departments, studying not only how decisions are made, but how to make good decisions.

A recipient of the Transfer Merit Scholarship, Raye took advantage of as many opportunities as the scholarship program offered while also taking a minimum of five classes, though he often took six or seven classes at a time, all with the goal of, somehow, making a positive impact on society. It's easy to see how his dedication paid off: He currently interns in the Houston Mayor's Office, working with the Boards and Commissions staff to help the volunteer board members aid citizens and plan for Houston's future.

While not heavily involved with student or extracurricular activities, Raye was involved in a recent university milestone, as he was one of the select few students to represent UHD in the Thanksgiving Day parade in downtown Houston. A passionate music enthusiast, he enjoys attending concerts, collecting vinyl records, attending listening parties, and otherwise immersing himself in the world of music.

Now that Raye is graduating, he says he's relieved, while at the same time filled with a sense of accomplishment and anticipation for the future, whatever it may hold. He hopes to one day pursue a graduate degree, as well as work with politicians in the Texas Capitol to improve the lives of others. Most of all, Raye said, he wants to do something that is a challenge.



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