

*Hooding
Ceremony*



University of Houston-Downtown

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3:00 p.m.

UHD Wellness and Success Center



The University of Houston-Downtown faculty and staff extend special greetings to parents, relatives, friends, and loved ones gathered for this celebration.

Order of Proceedings

WELCOME

Dr. Deborah E. Bordelon
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

PROCESSIONAL

“Pomp and Circumstance”

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Kyler Rodriguez, UHD Concert Chorale

OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Deborah E. Bordelon

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

College of Sciences and Technology

Dean Akif Uzman and Faculty

Marilyn Davies College of Business

Dean Jonathan Davis and Faculty

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Dean Wendy Burns-Ardolino and Faculty

College of Public Service

Interim Associate Dean Diane Miller and Faculty

CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Deborah E. Bordelon

RECESSIONAL

MARILYN DAVIES COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Candidates for Graduation

Master of Business Administration

Rania Al Issa	Diana Dolan
Milagros Esther Alarcon	Samiullah Durrani
Jennifer V. Aldana	Lena D. Eckert
Tabassum Ali	Betsy Michelle Edwards
Zinitra D. Allen	Etieno Ekwere
James Allison	Shatihya Vonee Elliott
Susie Almaguer	Aracely Brendaly Escobar
Mayte Alvarez	Stefany Evangelista
Clarence Martin Anderson	Karen Evans
Roberto Matias Arredondo	Laura Anne Fleming
Jordan A. Beasley	Yesenia Beatriz Flores
Iliana Sofia Becerra	Cheyenne Kasiah Francois
Eduardo Aaron Beltran	Taylor Sade French
Jake Reid Berry	Cicely Devon Taylor Gallegos
Nikkyann Berteau	Toni Garefalos
Hassan Frank Beveney	Melizza Garza
Beverly Ukegbu	Ernesto Gaytan
Lucian A. Blackburn	Taylor Marie George
Ariel A. Bonnee	Sweetie Lalitkumar Ghetiya
Nikhil Deepak Brahmabhatt	Monica Gomez
Jasmine Liliana Builes	Rocio Idalia Gomez
Stephanie R. Burnett	Jessica Anne Govella
Shakera Tyjay Calhoun	Khalyn Grant
Alvin Montrece Carter	Franklin Jose Guanipa Navarro
Alysha N. Carter	Mohamad Danyal Annees Gurmani
Karen Adriana Castellanos	Bianca I. Gutierrez
Cristina Castillo	Giselle Gutierrez
Flora Castillo	Marque Antone Harmon
Kimberly Dayana Castillo	Siomara Estela Hernandez
Leslie Chagolla	Valerie R. Hernandez
Sandra Cortes	Luis Enrique Herrada
Ernesto Jose Cortes Cuevas	Alysha Sheri-Marie Herrera
Ian Joseph Crear	Lenka Hlavacova
Rachel Cumbo	Lewis Alun Hopkins
Deja Davis	Mia Hopson
Marissa N. Davis	Omayra Gabriela Hosein
Megan Elaine Devoy	Md Monir Hosen
Viet Tuan Dinh	Laura Elizabeth Hutzler
Julissa Margarita Disla	Embler C. Igwe
Amariah Denise Dixon	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 Mikicich
Diego Miranda
Mark Patrick Mittelsted
Isabel Dena Montalvo
Gabrielle Alysse Moreno
Sandra Vasquez Moreno
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Eduardo Nava
Nickwanda Nelson
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Thinh Gia Ngo
Brittany L. Nguyen
Hoang Minh Anh Nguyen
Ted Nguyen

Irene Monge Nunez
Christopher Patrick Nunnallee
Amir Rouself 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
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
Renae Puanani Simmons
Leticia Smolyaninov
Kira Carmelita Soria-Ramirez
Skye Olevia Steele
Yancy Eugene Stephens
Brendan Roger Strei
Lakendrea 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

Samir Abdel Alanis
Saray C. Alvarado
Jennifer Briagas
Amber Kay Bullock
Paola E. Cantu
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 Iesha Stansberry
Gabriela Fernanda Valladares
Asher Van Dyk
Elizabeth Vences-Diaz
Muhammad Vohra
Ravi Wadhwa
Amanda Gayle Walker
Lela Walker
Stephen Weigand

Master of Security Management

Clarissa Arguelles
Elizabeth Arvizu
Joel Brummett
NitZIA Isela Berlanga Reyes
Janie Marie Bilbao
Christopher John Clement
Chika Dennis
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

Words of Thanks!

MARILYN DAVIES COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Samir Alanis

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Lucian Blackburn

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Richard James Galvan

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Mia Danielle Hopson

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Omayra Gabriela Hosein

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Grace Jallah

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Franklin Martinez

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Marcus Mitchell

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COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Candidates for Graduation

Master of Arts in Rhetoric and Composition

Meia Tanish Baker

Master of Arts in Nonprofit Management

Jessica Lola Adedapo
Keith Everrette Baines
Candice E' Lise Biscoe
Helen Elizabeth Bullard
Jesse Carballo , Jr.
Lisa Michelle Carpenter

Janet M. Dever
Makayla Belle Grothe
Veronica Johnnet Haley
Dulce Hamilton
Danita M. Hammond
Alessia Calhoun Parker

Master of Arts in Strategic Communication

Patrina A. Adger
Melissa Sue Amaya

Jeremy R. Barrientos
Edwin Daniel Mendez Alvarado

Master of Science in Technical Communication

Jamilla M. Dowe

Kathryn Pittard

Words of Thanks!

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Jessica Adedapo

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COLLEGE OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Candidates for Graduation

Master of Arts in Teaching

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Words of Thanks!

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Oluwatimilehin Idowu
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Vikas Kumar
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