

*Hooding
Ceremony*



University of Houston-Downtown

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

6:30 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

Kesa Ferguson

OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Deborah E. Bordelon

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

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

Dean Jonathan Schwartz and Faculty

College of Sciences and Technology

Dean Akif Uzman and Faculty

CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Deborah E. Bordelon

RECESSIONAL

MARILYN DAVIES COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Candidates for Graduation

Master of Business Administration

Temitope Oluwaseun Adetoyinbo
Almazbek Adylbek Uulu
Christina Tram Betancourt
Issac Buckner
Brea C'na Bush
Christine Caldwell
Traeshina Marline Carvell
Anail Candillo
Addison V. Cole
Dalila Anai Delgado
Kyle Wayne Ebner
Wissam El Fady
Faten Elghote
Jasmine Nicole Farina
Brenda Elizabeth Flores
Gina Renee Gandara
Gabriela Garcia
Luis Eduardo Garcia
Nancy Garcia

Miguel A. Gomez Vazquez
Byanka Melissa Guajardo
Ange Lundimu Kayumba
Sugeida Lilibeth Majano
Dominic McCray
Chau Thi Ngoc Nguyen
Wellysane Ufey Nseke
Adetoyinbo Oluwaseun Temitope
Jennifer Pineda
Zachary Carroll Potts
Chetara Rivers
Nayab Saleem
Binita Shrestha
Wendy Simpson
Haregewoin Tamirat Sisay
Esteban Smith
Taylor N. Tardy
Marcos Velasco Quintana, Jr.
Rodrigo Teodoro Zamora Quezada

Master of Professional Accountancy

Natalie Chalico
Xenia A. Garcia
Maria D. Guevara
Melinda Renee Hales
Jonathon Josh Hernandez
Ray Guadalupe Hernandez
Haris Feroz Jiwani
Hamaad Asghar Khan
Melissa Ramirez Lacour
Pauline Phuong Le
Jason Machuca
Jacob Matthew Mantei
Joshua Sigfredo Molina

Mina Moradi
David E. Morales
Luong Minh Thuan Nguyen
Daniela Nino
Hemangi B. Patel
Skylar Dziej The Phan
Yenifer Ivone Piminchumo Mochcco
Syed Hasan Moazzam Rizvi
Jennifer Rocha
Roxana L. Solorzano
Zitlali Valdez
Allee Walterscheid

Master of Security Management

Brittani Nichole Austin
Cordell Lamon Carter
Joseph Neil Christoffersen
Gary Wayne Clayton

Christopher D. Comeaux
Peterson Magloire
Christian N. Vaughn

Words of Thanks!

MARILYN DAVIES COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Christina Tram Khuong

This feat could not have been accomplished without the endless encouragement of my family and friends. And a very special thank you to the Takashima-Sung family for their unwavering support.

Cordell Carter

I want to Thank GOD, my beautiful wife for the constant words of encouragement through this process, my sons for their patience, and my mom for her prayers. I love you.

Anail Caudillo

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Natalie Chalico

Know that without my failures I wouldn't be here, the journey to this very moment would not feel as rewarding. Thank you to my husband and my family! Los amo!

Gary W Clayton

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Addison Victoria Cole

Thank you, Dr. Curran, Dr. McKee, Dr. Neale, and Dr. Saad, and thank you, my rock-star husband, for your unwavering support!

Dalila Anai Delgado

With God beside you, everything is within reach! Grateful for my family's unwavering support, especially my daughters, Nathalie and Hazel, for walking alongside me in this journey!

Faten Elghote

Thank you, Mom and Dad, for believing in me and supporting my dreams. Thank you, professors, for your patience, guidance, and unwavering support giving me confidence. Most of all, my baby, and my siblings.

Jasmine Farina

I am grateful to my husband and children for being the motivation I needed to complete this degree.

Brenda Flores

This accomplishment is possible because of the amazing UHD staff and Professors, Thank you. Most importantly, it's dedicated to my husband and Kids. Adam, Aiden, Adalyn- with all my love.

Gina Renee Gandara

Thank you to my children Jasmine, Jade, & Jace for supporting me while pursuing my MBA. I hope to always make you proud to call me "MOM". I love you!

Gabriela Alejandra Ochoa

I'd like to give glory to Jesus Christ. "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31)

Toni Garefalos

I want to thank my son, Connor, for being such an understanding and patient child that made sacrifices and sometimes attended classes with Mom because he knew how badly I wanted this degree.

Miguel Alejandro Gomez Vazquez

Thank you to my mom, Dulce and my sister, Laura – I love you. To my beloved late father, Miguel - I did this all for you, rest in peace daddy

Byanka Guajardo

I want to give thanks to family, friends, and Dr Bennett for being there for me during this journey. Thanks to their support I'm happy to say that I am able to walk across this stage.

Melinda Renee Wheeler

Thank you to my loving husband who supported me through this journey. I couldn't have done it without you!

Jonathon Josh Hernandez

If I could live my life again, I wouldn't do it differently. I am thankful for my friends and family for supporting me on this journey furthering my education.

Ange Lundimu Kayumba

As I look to the future, I'm excited to face new challenges, continue learning, and make a positive impact. I hope to pay forward the kindness and support I've received by being a source of inspiration and encouragement for others.

Pauline Phuong Le

I am deeply grateful to God for blessing me with a supportive husband, Kevin, loving daughters, Jessica and Selena, and the unwavering support of my family and professors. Thank you!

Lilibeth Fabian

I am humbled by all that have had a role in helping me get here.

Dominic McCray

Aleisha, we did it! For you and Dillyn. Dedications to my parents, sisters, nieces, nephew, family, and friends. To those who march onward and upward towards the light, respectively dedicated.

Joshua Molina Rivas

To Marilyn Dement and Dr. Liu, thank you for your faith in me. Your patience with me is legendary. I could have not accomplished this goal with your support.

Mina Moradi

I'm thankful for my husband's support, my professors' and faculty's Oguidance, and the education I received at the University of Houston Downtown. They've been crucial to my success. Thank you all!

Wellysane Ufey Nseke

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Jennifer Pineda

Eric, thank you for believing in me this whole time! I couldn't have done it without your endless support. Thank you!

Zack Potts

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Jennifer Rocha

My Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, my Light, Love & Strength. I want to thank my Mom, my sisters, and my husband but most importantly I want to Thank God for making this dream come true.

Wendy Simpson

Earning my degree wouldn't be possible without my husband, Weston Simpson. Thank you for the continued love and support. Now, let's make you a stay-at-home husband!

Esteban Smith

I have too many people to thank and only so many words to thank them. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart and a special thanks to my husband Bradford Smith and our five babies at home Matilda, Gloria, Blanca, Benedict & Pendleton this is for you.

Taylor Nichol Tardy

My success today is a direct result of all of those that came before me, and those that have sacrificed for me, on my journey. Forever grateful.

Zitlali Valdez

I am profoundly grateful for my family and friends, especially Lizbet, Ashlynn, Angel, and my parents, Rosa and Miguel. Their unwavering faith in me has truly been my guiding light.

Rodrigo Teodoro Zamora Quezada

I am very thankful to my parents, professors, and classmates for helping me succeed in this masters degree. All of their support have kept me going this far. I would remember this forever.

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Candidates for Graduation

Master of Arts in Rhetoric and Composition

Hunter McHugh Smith

Master of Arts in Nonprofit Management

Alison Nicole Bainbridge
Erika Davis
Veronica Johnnet Haley
Rene Regina Hill
Dwimeika Diane Jones
Sandra Patricia Martinez

Don'L Nicol
Alissa Lea Ruiz
Nikitta Williams

Master of Arts in Strategic Communication

Courtney Irene Atkinson

Alexis Leonel Mondragon

Master of Science in Technical Communication

Rebecca Lynn Lloyd

Sonia Ann Sanchez

Words of Thanks!

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Courtney Irene Atkinson

To my parents, you have sacrificed so much for Jace, and I which is the foundation of my success. I am forever grateful for the support you have given me on this journey.

Alison Nicole Bainbridge

I express my heartfelt gratitude to the professors of the Master of Arts in Nonprofit Management (MA) program for your unwavering dedication and expertise! Your guidance inspires me to excel and make meaningful contributions to the nonprofit sector.

Veronica Haley

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Rebecca Lloyd

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Alexis Leonel Mondragon

as the low ground forms the foundation of a high elevation." For my family, that I never forgot where we come from.

Sonia Ann Sanchez

Thank you to my beloved mother, family, friends, dedicated UHD faculty and staff, Power On Heels Fund, Houston Association of Hispanic Media Professionals, and Latinas Achieve, for supporting my education.

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Candidates for Graduation

Master of Arts in Teaching

Maria Carolina Castillo
Elizabeth Julia Guzman
Timothy Craig Lewis, Jr.

Dulce Maria Martinez Rangel
Abdelhamid Taha
Ngoc Hoa Truong

Master of Science in Criminal Justice

Michelle Arrieta
Kiersten Elizabeth Bellamy
Anna Martina Fontenot
Tiffany J. Fountain
Briana Garcia

Rose Gonzalez
Lakeya Deshea Sandifer Martin
Griselda Ortega
Nancy Ortega

Words of Thanks!

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Elizabeth Julia Guzman

Thank You to my family, friends, and colleagues who have encouraged me to continue with my academics. For reminding me, that life is tough and so am I.

Dulce Maria Martinez

Thank you to my family for their constant support and the invaluable guidance from Dr. Beebe and Dr. Alford through my Master's in Education journey. I sincerely thank each and every one of you.

Lakeya Deshea Martin

Thank you to the faculty & staff who have supported me thus far & prepared me for the next steps of my journey!

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY
Candidates for Graduation

Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence

Jannah Syanne Joseph

Kritika Singh

Master of Science in Data Analytics

Ahmed Abassi
Otabek Islomovich Aliev
Juan Amando Barrera, Jr.
Lance Bozeman
Rene Cantu Solis
Rosemary M. Caraglia
Vanessa De La Cruz
Makhtar Diagne Diop
Robert J. Frederick

Jasmin Ruby Gallegos
Sydney Page Jump
Kamil Khan Mohammed
Jeffrey A. Moreland
Anand Sumant Patel
Quinton James Pugh
Juan Carlos Robledo, Jr.
Jakarda Wiltz Varnado
Qiong Zhao

Words of Thanks!

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

Lance Bozeman

I hope I've made my father proud.

Rene Cantu

Thank you to all the faculty and my fellow individuals for helping me get to where we are today. Graduation

Rose Caraglia

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Mohammed Kamil Khan

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Juan Carlos Robledo

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Kritika Singh

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Alma Mater

Standing proud along the bayou,
a Houston landmark true,
is our noble Alma Mater,
glorious to view.

Representing many cultures,
races, tongues, and creeds,
confident we now go forth to
serve our common needs.

Studies finished, now we're leaving
new goals to pursue,
but our hearts to UH-Downtown
ever will be true.

Come, let's join and raise our voices,
praising UHD.
may our lives forever honor
thy dear memory.



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