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UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

RENU KHATOR

President



May, 2012

Dear University of Houston Graduate:

Congratulations on one of the happiest, most memorable, and most important days of your life – the day of your graduation!

The University of Houston – celebrating its 85th anniversary this year – is a very special place. It is the place that welcomed you, helped you grow intellectually, and encouraged you on your journey. It is the place that, thanks to our incredible diversity, has provided you with the life experiences to work, feel at home, and succeed *anywhere* in the world.

You are graduating at a time of great triumphs for UH, from the Tier One designation by the Carnegie Foundation, to our inclusion by The Princeton Review on its list of best colleges in the nation, to admission into the Big East Conference.

Several factors contributed to your success. The support of your parents and families and the encouragement of your faculty, advisors, and staff played a significant part. But the most important factor is *you*, and the motivation, determination, and drive that brought you to this day and will continue to serve you as you make your mark on your community and the world.

As you leave here today – proud alumnus or alumna – know that you are a member of the *best* prepared, *best* educated, and *best* equipped class the University of Houston has ever produced.

With my best wishes for a successful career and a bright future,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Renu Khator".

Renu Khator

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM

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COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2012 · 9 A.M.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

OPENING PROCESSION

Grand Marshal Dmitri Litvinov
Faculty Senate President and Professor

Commencement Marshal Lawrence Curry
Professor Emeritus

Faculty

College Banner Bearers

Platform Party

President Renu Khator

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Members of Moores School of Music Chorus

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Renu Khator
President

GREETINGS

Nandita Berry
Member, University of Houston System Board of Regents

Michael Harding
President, Student Government Association

Michael Pede
President & CEO, UH Alumni Association

HONORARY DEGREE

Dr. Ruth Simmons
Dr. Cristina Rivera Garza

PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC HONORS

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PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES

Deans Present their Candidates

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

President Khator

ALMA MATER

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RECESSIONAL

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COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2012 · 2 P.M.

CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF HOTEL AND RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT
COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2012 · 6 P.M.

GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE
CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

OPENING PROCESSION

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COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012 · 9 A.M.

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

OPENING PROCESSION

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PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION

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THE HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON



THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

The University of Houston's proud heritage dates back to its founding in 1927. In the beginning, UH was known as Houston Junior College. Classes for the first 230 students were held at San Jacinto High School and were taught by a faculty of eight. Over the years, the junior college grew and prospered, officially becoming the University of Houston in 1934. Two years later, the institution acquired land for a permanent campus and its first building, the Roy G. Cullen Building, opened in 1939. The university became a state institution in 1963.

Today, the University of Houston is a Carnegie-designated Tier One public research university, serving nearly 40,000 students, with more than 300 undergraduate and graduate programs. UH stands at the forefront of education, research and service, with more than 40 research centers and institutes, and sponsors more than 300 partnerships with corporate, civic and governmental agencies. UH public service and community activities, such as cultural offerings, clinical services, policy studies and small-business initiatives, serve a diverse metropolitan population. Likewise, the resources of the Gulf Coast Region complement and enrich the university's academic programs, providing students with professional expertise, practical experience and career opportunities. UH has awarded more than 250,000 degrees, and approximately 80 percent of our alumni remain in the Houston area.

THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM

Throughout the 1960s and 1970s, teaching centers offering University of Houston degrees and classes opened in Clear Lake, downtown Houston and Victoria. Over time, these teaching centers became free-standing universities, offering education and opportunity to their communities. The University of Houston System was legally established in 1977. Today, the UH System is the region's largest provider of comprehensive university services from the baccalaureate to the doctorate. The UH System plays a primary role in meeting the higher education needs of the Houston metropolitan area and Texas. It is comprised of four universities and six teaching centers. The accredited universities in the UH System are: University of Houston, UH-Downtown, UH-Clear Lake and UH-Victoria. The teaching centers are UH Sugar Land, UHS at Cinco Ranch, UH Northwest, UHD Northwest, UHCL Pearland and UHS at Texas Medical Center.

COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic costumes of today have a history of nearly eight centuries. In medieval Europe, all townspeople wore long flowing robes and gowns. The materials and colors were governed by royal decree. Gradually, distinctive gowns were developed for the various professions, trades and guilds. Scholars wore robes and hoods to protect their shaved heads. Later, skullcaps were worn on the head, and the hoods became a cape that could be pulled over the head during unpleasant weather. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adapted by their faculties for bachelors (apprentices of the arts), masters (teachers) and doctors (teachers who had completed postgraduate studies). When caps and hats came into fashion in the 15th century, the hoods became ornamental, draped over the shoulders and down the back. The academic hat was first worn as a symbol of the master's degree and existed in various forms. The mortarboard style comes to us from Oxford University. When academic costumes came to America in 1754, styles were quite varied. In Europe, they still are; however, in our country, usage has been standardized by the Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume.

GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE

Bachelor's Degree

Tassel: VIOLET

Master's Degree

Hood: VIOLET

Tassel: BLACK

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Bachelor's Degree

Tassel: DARK BLUE

Master's Degree

Hood: DRAB

Tassel: BLACK

Doctoral Degree

Hood: DARK BLUE

Tassel: RED

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree

Tassel: LIGHT BLUE

Master's Degree

Hood: LIGHT BLUE

Tassel: BLACK

Doctoral Degree

Hood (Ed.D.): LIGHT BLUE

Hood (Ph.D.): DARK BLUE

Tassel: RED

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Bachelor's Degree

Tassel: ORANGE

Master's Degree

Hood: ORANGE

Tassel: BLACK

Doctoral Degree

Hood: DARK BLUE

Tassel: RED

CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF HOTEL AND RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT

Bachelor's Degree

Tassel: NAVY

Master's Degree

Hood: NAVY, RED AND WHITE

Tassel: BLACK

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Bachelor's Degree

Tassel: CITRON

Master's Degree

Hood: CITRON

Hood (Music Only): PINK

Tassel: BLACK

Doctoral Degree

Hood: DARK BLUE

Hood (Music Only): PINK

Tassel: RED

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Bachelor's Degree

Tassel: GOLDEN YELLOW

Master's Degree

Hood: GOLDEN YELLOW

Tassel: BLACK

Doctoral Degree

Hood: DARK BLUE

Tassel: RED

COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

Bachelor's Degree

Tassel: MAROON

Master's Degree

Hood: MAROON

Tassel: BLACK

CEREMONIAL SYMBOLS



THE SEAL

Throughout history, seals have been used to authenticate official documents. The University of Houston's and UH System's seals both bear the Official Seal of Arms of General Sam Houston, as handed down to him from his noble ancestors. It includes the escutcheon in the center of the seal – consisting of checkered chevrons denoting nobility – and three martlets, gentle lowland birds that symbolize peace and deliverance. A winged hourglass is placed above the shield. Surmounting this is the motto "In Tempore," meaning "In Time." The greyhounds indicate speed of giving aid. The UH seal was first adopted in 1938 as the present campus was established. Although the look of the seal has evolved over the years, the first version was etched into the floor of the Roy G. Cullen Building.



UNIVERSITY MACE

The Mace, which is carried in academic processions, is a staff symbolizing the university's authority and unity. The tradition of the academic mace began in the late 14th century when two ancient instruments, the royal scepter and the battle mace, were combined to form a university president's symbol of authority.

THE ALMA MATER

All hail to thee,
Our Houston University.
Our hearts fill with gladness
When we think of thee.
We'll always adore thee
Dear old varsity.
And to thy memory cherished,
True we'll ever be.

Words and music by Harmony Class of 1942

PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION



MR. ALONZO CANTU (B.B.A., '78)

Community Developer

Mr. Alonzo Cantu exemplifies the highest standard of community leadership as a developer, banker, philanthropist and dedicated community organizer. He is credited by many as being the central driving force behind the transformation of the business and political landscape of South Texas, where the McAllen-Edinburg-Mission area is the third fastest growing metropolitan region in the country. Through his advocacy, a \$40 million rural economic development program was established in the Rio Grande Valley by the federal government during President Bill Clinton's administration. In 2011, Mr. Cantu was included in Texas Monthly magazine's list of the "25 Most Powerful Texans."

Mr. Cantu's commitment to regional success and quality of life for Latinos is rooted in his own family history. His parents immigrated from Mexico and labored as migrant workers before beginning their own construction business. After Mr. Cantu graduated from the UH Bauer College of Business with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in finance, he took over the family operation and grew the company into a multi-million-dollar a year business. As President and CEO of Cantu Construction for the past 30 years, he has developed over 30 housing subdivisions and major commercial projects across South Texas. Cantu Construction was awarded the Minority Business Development Agency's "National Minority Construction Firm of the Year" by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Mr. Cantu's generous support of the University of Houston, his alma mater, includes a scholarship in the College of Pharmacy. During the last Texas legislative session, he was an active advocate on behalf of UH receiving Tier One funding from the state. And in April 2011, he and his wife Yolanda graciously opened their home in McAllen to host the first-ever gathering of UH alumni from the Rio Grande Valley region. The event – whose purpose was to reconnect alumni with UH – attracted some 200 alumni and their spouses. It was attended by Welcome W. Wilson, Sr., at the time chairman of the UH System Board of Regents; Renu Khator, Chancellor of the UH System; Mike Pede, UH Alumni Association President; UH college deans and many other UH officials.

In every position that Mr. Cantu has held, he has utilized his successful business practices to advance the mission of the various organizations with which he is associated. Whether providing affordable housing, health care facilities for the underserved or scholarships for low-income students, Mr. Cantu excels at improving the quality of life of his fellow citizens.

HONORARY DEGREE



MR. NICHOLAS J. MASSAD JR. (B.S., '73)

Nicholas Massad's journey to the top of the regional hospitality scene began soon after he graduated from UH's Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management in 1973, when he joined American Liberty Hospitality as a Food and Beverage Director in one of the company's Sheraton Hotels.

He later served as General Manager of several company properties before becoming its first president in 1983. He, along with his wife, Vicki, purchased all of the stock in American Liberty in 1991, and Mr. Massad has since served as the company's Chief Executive Officer. Currently, American Liberty owns and/or operates 12 hotels, inns and resorts throughout Texas and Louisiana, with an additional three hotels in various stages of development.

Mr. Massad expanded American Liberty's success by building streamlined versions of Hilton Hotels, such as the 182-room Hilton Garden Inn in the Houston Galleria area. He believes that he has "come full circle," because his career started with an education at the Conrad N. Hilton College, and his company is now working with Hilton Hotels and Resorts as a franchisee.

Mr. Massad has held the positions of Chairman and President of the Houston Hotel and Motel Association and has served on the Executive Committee of the Texas Hotel & Motel Association. He is a member of the Dean's Industry Advisory Board of the Conrad N. Hilton College and has served as its Alumni Association president.

He has been a guest lecturer at several hospitality and tourism universities in the People's Republic of China, is a past chairman of the Eric Hilton Distinguished Lecturer's Club and has received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Hilton College Alumni.

In 2007, Mr. Massad and his wife, Vicki Massad, were inspired to match Conrad N. Hilton's \$1.5 million gift to the Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management. Their commitment to hospitality education and generous donation funded the renovation of the original Hilton College Library. The renovated facility is now named The Massad Family Library Research Center and Hospitality Archives and was officially opened and dedicated in April 2010. The Massads' gift is the second largest in the history of the college.

HONORARY DEGREE



MR. GERALD D. HINES

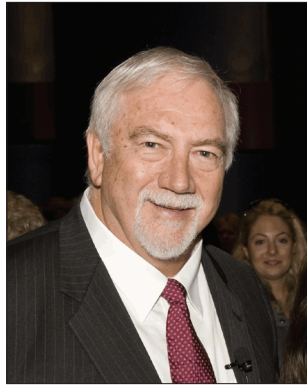
Gerald D. Hines, founder and chairman of Hines, grew a one-man operation into one of the largest and most respected privately held real estate firms in the world. Since launching his business in Houston in 1957, Hines has developed or acquired more than 900 projects in 18 countries, representing more than 300 million-square-feet of commercial, residential, mixed-use and industrial projects. Mr. Hines employs a global team of 3,200 professionals, which he considers to be his greatest achievement.

Born in Gary, Indiana, he moved to Houston in 1948 after earning a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue University. In 1967, the Shell Oil Company hired his real estate company to build its new downtown Houston headquarters. Mr. Hines went on to construct The Galleria, Pennzoil Place, Transco Tower (now Williams Tower) and many other Houston landmarks.

Mr. Hines received an Honorary Doctorate of Engineering from Purdue University in 1983. He is an Honorary Fellow of the American Institute of Architects and has received the National Building Museum's Honor Award and the Urban Land Institute's J.C. Nichols Prize for Visionaries in Urban Development. An industry pioneer in aesthetics and sustainability, he has championed and supported real estate, architecture and urban planning programs at Harvard, Yale and Rice universities – and at the University of Houston.

Having collaborated with noted architects such as I.M. Pei, Frank Gehry, SOM, Jean Nouvel, KPF and Cesar Pelli, Mr. Hines is credited with “raising the bar” of Class A, multi-tenant office towers in major cities. His 30-year friendship and professional collaboration with Philip Johnson, who designed many Hines buildings in Houston – redefining the city's skyline – contributed in part to Johnson designing the College of Architecture Building on the UH campus. After a generous gift from Mr. Hines, the college was renamed the Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture.

HONORARY DEGREE



BRIEN A. HOLDEN, B.APP.SC. PH.D., D.SC., O.A.M.

Dr. Brien Holden has been a world-renowned figure in international eye health and vision care for nearly 40 years. He is CEO of Australia's Brien Holden Vision Institute, the Vision Cooperative Research Centre and the International Centre for Eyecare Education, as well as Executive Chair of Optometry Giving Sight.

His expertise spans science, research and development, professional and academic education, public health and advocacy for the profession of optometry. His contributions have been acknowledged through a host of national and international awards and honors – most recently through the renaming of Australia's Institute for Eye Research as the Brien Holden Vision Institute.

Dr. Holden's research focus has been in the area of ocular health with contact lenses, surgery and other forms of vision correction. With collaborators around the world, he is working to slow the growth of myopia, a condition that affects more than 1.6 billion people worldwide. And, he has supported global initiatives to address avoidable blindness and vision impairment through his involvement with the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness and the World Health Organization.

His contributions to optometry and vision science have been recognized with prestigious international awards, including Honorary Doctor of Science degrees conferred by the State University of New York, Pennsylvania College of Optometry, City University London, University of Durban-Westville, South Africa and Ohio State University. In 1997, he received the Medal of the Order of Australia.

He graduated from the University of Melbourne with a bachelor's degree in Applied Science in 1964. After completing his Ph.D. in corneal and contact lens research at London's City University in 1971, he returned to Australia to take up a position at the University of New South Wales. During his tenure, he contributed to research on contact lenses and eye health, contact lens design and investigations into a wide range of ocular devices, procedures and solutions. He has also contributed to the establishment of numerous enterprises that deliver breakthrough research and innovative products, with over a \$1 billion a year in sales, as well as contributing to professional education and vision care delivery.

Dr. Holden's activities and achievements are a result of partnerships he has established around the world, including the UH College of Optometry, where he has made a \$1 million pledge to help establish the Brien Holden Vision Institute.

HONORARY DEGREE



CRISTINA RIVERA GARZA (PH.D., '95)

Cristina Rivera Garza grew up in Matamoros, Mexico, near the border with the United States. She has lived, learned and taught in both countries, and is now a professor of writing at the University of California, San Diego. She studied Urban Sociology at the National Autonomous University of Mexico and in 1995 earned her Ph.D. in Latin American History from the University of Houston.

She has published 17 books and won international writing awards, emerging as one of Latin America's leading writers. She has received the 2001 Iberoamerican Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz-FIL Award and the 2005 Anna Seghers Award in Berlin. She is the only writer to twice win the Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz writing prize as Mexico's woman writer of the year. Her revised UH dissertation appeared last year as the bestselling book, *La Castañeda: Narrativas Dolientes desde el Manicomio General*.

Professor Rivera Garza ('95) uses her considerable research skills and lyrical writing to produce award-winning novels, short stories and poetry. To write her first novel, *Nadie me vera llorar*, she researched the medical records of an asylum for the mentally ill in Mexico City to tell the story of the Mexican revolution through the voice of a prostitute. The prizewinning novel and its English translation, *No One Will See Me Cry*, are celebrated for the controlled prose blended with historical research and authentic records to shape a narrative about trauma, mental illness and memory. Professor Rivera Garza writes "La mano oblicua/The Oblique Hand," a weekly column for the cultural section of the Mexican newspaper, *Milenio*. She also maintains her blog, *No Hay Tal Lugar.untries*.

Her works have been translated into English, Italian, Portuguese, German and Korean.

HONORARY DEGREE



RUTH J. SIMMONS, A.M., PH.D.

President of Brown University

Ruth Simmons was born in Grapeland, Texas and graduated from Dillard University in New Orleans in 1967. She received her Ph.D. in romance languages and literatures from Harvard University in 1973.

After graduating from Harvard, she embarked on an illustrious career in academic administration. She held positions as associate dean of the graduate school at the University of Southern California, provost at Spelman College, vice provost at Princeton and president of Smith College. In 1995, Simmons became Brown University's first female president and the first African American to preside over an Ivy League school. She also holds an appointment as professor in the Department of Comparative Literature and the Department of Africana Studies.

During her tenure at Brown University, President Simmons has created an ambitious set of initiatives to expand and strengthen the faculty; increase financial support and resources for undergraduate, graduate and medical students; improve facilities; renew a broad commitment to shared governance and ensure that diversity informs every dimension of the university. These initiatives have led to a major investment of new resources in Brown's educational mission.

As an academic leader, President Simmons believes in the power of education to transform lives. She champions the university as a haven of reasoned debate with the responsibility to challenge students intellectually and prepare them to become informed, conscientious citizens. She has devoted her career to advocating for a leadership role for higher education in the arena of national and global affairs.

She has been a featured speaker at the White House, the World Economic Forum, the National Press Club and the American Council on Education. In September 2001, ABC News tapped her to serve as a respondent during its live telecast following President Bush's address to Congress. Today she is a member of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

President Simmons is the recipient of a number of prizes and fellowships, including the German DAAD and a Fulbright Fellowship to France. She has been honored with the 2002 Fulbright Lifetime Achievement Medal and the 2002 "Drum Major for Justice" education award from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. In 2001, TIME magazine named her America's best college president. In 2007, she was named one of U.S. News & World Report's top U.S. leaders and – for the second time – Glamour magazine's Woman of the Year.

HONORS

Academic honors are based on the requirements of the catalogue year students entered the university. The final designation for honors is determined by the Provost's Office upon final completion of all degree requirements.

PRE-FALL 2010 CATALOGUE

Undergraduate students who complete their degree requirements under any catalogue prior to Fall 2010 will graduate with the stated academic honors if they achieve the following grade point averages earned in the last sixty-six (66) hours completed at the University of Houston.

3.75 to 4.0	Summa Cum Laude (with Highest Honors)
3.50 to 3.74	Magna Cum Laude (with High Honors)
3.25 to 3.49	Cum Laude (with Honors)

FALL 2010 CATALOGUE

Undergraduate students who complete their degree requirements under the Fall 2010 catalogue will graduate with the stated academic honors if they achieve the following grade point averages earned in the last fifty-four (54) hours completed at the University of Houston.

3.90 to 4.0	Summa Cum Laude (with Highest Honors)
3.70 to 3.89	Magna Cum Laude (with High Honors)
3.50 to 3.69	Cum Laude (with Honors)

GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

SPRING 2012

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

Jose L. Aguilar
Ilsinelida Bazaldua
Zakeia A. Benmoussa
Jennifer L. Branham
John R. Charba
Zhu Chen
Zachary Copeland
Michael Paul Cutulle
Brian Michael Dieterle
Fatima Elzahraa Elsanousi⁵
Samuel D. Foster
Carolyn Leony Glenn
Stacy Alan Henze
Colley W. Hodges
Kristina Marie Kovar
Alejandro Landa Lopez
Kimberley Anne McGrath
Sterling Charles Mennear
Kimberly Jade Pawelek
Tatreka Pinder
Margaret Deford Port
John A. Rezsonya
Joshua Alan Sawyer
Jennifer L. Seim
Jeff Simmons
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Dear University of Houston Graduate,

You have succeeded and your mission has been accomplished! Let me start by extending well-deserved congratulations to you, your family and friends who supported you during your time at UH. From this place and time, you will follow the path of more than 220,000 alumni who have walked before you as you pursue new professional and personal goals. In everything you do, in all that you will undoubtedly accomplish, your pride is shared by the entire Cougar Nation.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the University of Houston Alumni Association, I encourage you to become a member of the Alumni Association. The cost is only \$20. That's a special discounted rate reserved only for new graduates. To join, visit www.HoustonAlumni.com.

Joining, however, is only the first step. We need alumni who are active, we need alumni who are involved and we need alumni who take advantage of their many membership benefits: show up to one of our networking events and maybe find a new job or a new client; stop by the alumni tailgate before football games to enjoy free food and drink; submit a class note for publication in UH Alumni Quarterly or use your membership card to purchase discounted tickets to events at the Moores School of Music. Also, as a new grad, you are entitled to short-term medical insurance discounts. We make it easy for you to be an active Cougar.

It's worth noting that your membership also helps UH achieve Tier One status. Alumni participation is one of the categories that the Higher Education Coordinating Board considers when issuing Tier One funding. So not only will you receive the many membership perks, but you'll also help put dollars back into the university – dollars to fund scholarships, dollars to hire exceptional faculty and dollars to upgrade the image and face of our institution.

Allow me to leave you with this parting advice: Keep your Cougar connection strong! Whether your destiny takes you around the corner or around the world, always remember that you're a Cougar, and always show it. UHAA membership is one of the best ways to do that, and we promise to make you as proud of your alma mater as we already are proud of you.

With Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ricky A. Raven'.

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