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## COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

HONORING THE GRADUATES OF

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HONORS OUR GRADUATES AT TODAY'S COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Saturday, May 14, 2022

TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

Minute Maid Park

501 CRAWFORD STREET • HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

AS THEY RECEIVE DEGREES FROM

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*the history of*  
UTHEALTH HOUSTON

Established in 1972 by The University of Texas System Board of Regents, **UTHealth Houston** is Texas’ resource for health care education, innovation, scientific discovery, and excellence in patient care.

As a comprehensive health science university, the mission of UTHealth Houston is to educate health science professionals, discover and translate advances in the biomedical and social sciences, and model the best practices in clinical care and public health.

We pursue this mission in order to advance the quality of human life by enhancing the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease and injury, as well as promoting individual health and community well-being.

One of the nation's most comprehensive academic health science centers, **UTHealth Houston** is home to six schools:

**Jane and Robert Cizik School of Nursing at UTHealth Houston**

**John P. and Kathrine G. McGovern Medical School at UTHealth Houston**

**The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center UTHealth Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences**

**UTHealth Houston School of Biomedical Informatics**

**UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry**

**UTHealth School of Public Health**



## TO OUR GRADUATES

This year, UTHealth Houston is celebrating our 50th anniversary as the city's premier health university, and we are deeply honored that you have chosen to be a part of our history and our future.

During today's combined commencement ceremony, we salute your achievements at UTHealth Houston and the careers of service you are entering.

Bringing together our graduates of UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry, UTHealth School of Public Health, and Cizik School of Nursing at UTHealth Houston represents essential teamwork in health care.

And more than anything, it signifies that we are many faces with one mission—to advance the quality of human life by enhancing the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease and injury, as well as promoting individual health and community well-being.

We need each of you—your skills, your experience, your training, your collaborative spirit, and most importantly, your passion for health care and discovery.

On this momentous occasion, you join more than 50,000 UTHealth Houston graduates who have dedicated their lives to service. I commend you all for this decision, and I thank you and your families for trusting us with your education.

To the members of this class, congratulations...I know that you will make us proud.

**Giuseppe N. Colasurdo, MD**

UTHEALTH HOUSTON PRESIDENT  
ALKEK-WILLIAMS DISTINGUISHED CHAIR





National Anthem of the United States of America:

The Star-Spangled Banner

TIMOTHY JOSEF JOYA  
CIZIK SCHOOL OF NURSING AT UTHEALTH HOUSTON

UTHealth Houston Commencement Video

Introduction of UTHealth Houston  
President Giuseppe N. Colasurdo, MD

Presidential Welcome

GIUSEPPE N. COLASURDO, MD

Introduction of Commencement Speaker

Commencement Address

Medal Presentation

UTHealth School of Public Health

Dean Remarks

ERIC BOERWINKLE, PhD

Conferring of Degrees

DR. COLASURDO AND DR. BOERWINKLE

Diplomas and Hooding

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH FACULTY

UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry

Dean Remarks

JOHN A. VALENZA, DDS

Conferring of Degrees

DR. COLASURDO AND DR. VALENZA

Diplomas and Hooding

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY FACULTY

The Dentist’s Pledge and Dental Hygiene Oath

DR. VALENZA

Cizik School of Nursing at UTHealth

Houston

Dean Remarks

DIANE M. SANTA MARIA, DrPH, MSN, RN, FAAN

Conferring of Degrees

DR. COLASURDO AND DR. SANTA MARIA

Diplomas and Hooding

CIZIK SCHOOL OF NURSING FACULTY

The Nightingale Pledge

DR. SANTA MARIA

Closing and Congratulations

DR. COLASURDO

ACADEMIC REGALIA HISTORY

The wearing of academic regalia, adopted by American institutions of higher education during the last century, is a tradition preserved from the medieval days of universities. The ordinary dress of the scholar, whether student or teacher, was the dress of a cleric, and originally, gowns were worn for warmth in unheated buildings and hoods were designed to cover the tonsured head. Modern academic dress follows a code of regulations that allow for distinguishing the conferred degree and the degree-awarding institution. The hood lining represents our institution’s colors, while the binding colors of the hoods designate the degree earned.

The gown for the bachelor’s degree has squared-off sleeves. The gown for the master’s degree has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist, while the sleeve base hangs down in the traditional manner. The rear part of the master’s degree gown sleeve is oblong in shape and square cut, with the front portion of the sleeve cut away in an arc. Bachelor’s and master’s degree gowns are untrimmed. The cap is a mortarboard with a tassel.

The gown for the doctor’s degree has bell-shaped sleeves. For the doctoral degree, the gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three bars of velvet used across the sleeves. These velvet facings and crossbars are of the color distinctive for the degree. The cap for the doctor’s degree is a multisided velvet tam with a tassel.

REGALIA COLORS

DENTISTRY	LILAC
NURSING	APRICOT
PHILOSOPHY	DARK BLUE
PUBLIC HEALTH	SALMON
SCIENCE	GOLDEN YELLOW



UTHealth Houston

# SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

For more than 100 years, **UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry** has set the standard for oral health excellence by educating outstanding dentists and dental hygienists, advancing research in new fields of science and technology, and caring for the people of Texas, including its most vulnerable populations. The school's mission is to improve human health by providing high-quality education, patient care, service, and research in oral health for Texas, the nation, and the world.

Founded in 1905, UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry was the first dental school in Texas and the first professional school in Houston. The school became part of UT System in 1943, and became part of UTHealth Houston in 1972. The school continues to lead dental education today with the vision of *"Improving Oral Health...Improving Overall Health."*



## SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

### **John A. Valenza, DDS**

Dean  
The William N. Finnegan III Distinguished Professor  
in the Dental Sciences

### **Joe T. Morrow, BBA**

Associate Dean for Management

### **Shalizeh A. Patel, DDS, MEd**

Associate Dean *ad interim* for Patient Care

### **Lisa D. Cain, PhD**

Associate Dean for Professional Development and Faculty Affairs

### **Mary C. Farach-Carson, PhD**

Associate Dean for Research

### **Arthur H. Jeske, DMD, PhD**

Associate Dean for Strategic Planning  
and Continuing Dental Education

### **Robert D. Spears, PhD, MS**

Associate Dean for Student and Academic Affairs



THE DENTIST’S PLEDGE

I, AS A MEMBER OF THE DENTAL PROFESSION,  
SHALL KEEP THIS PLEDGE AND THESE STIPULATIONS.

I UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THAT MY PRIMARY  
RESPONSIBILITY IS TO MY PATIENTS, AND I SHALL  
DEDICATE MYSELF TO RENDER, TO THE BEST  
OF MY ABILITY, THE HIGHEST STANDARD OF ORAL  
HEALTH CARE AND TO MAINTAIN A RELATIONSHIP  
OF RESPECT AND CONFIDENCE. THEREFORE, LET ALL  
COME TO ME SAFE IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT  
THEIR TOTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING ARE MY  
FIRST CONSIDERATIONS.

I SHALL ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT, AS A  
PROFESSIONAL, MY COMPETENCE RESTS ON CONTINUING  
THE ATTAINMENT OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL IN THE  
ARTS AND SCIENCES OF DENTISTRY.

I ACKNOWLEDGE MY OBLIGATION TO SUPPORT  
AND SUSTAIN THE HONOR AND INTEGRITY OF THE  
PROFESSION AND TO CONDUCT MYSELF IN ALL  
ENDEAVORS SUCH THAT I SHALL MERIT THE RESPECT  
OF PATIENTS, COLLEAGUES AND MY COMMUNITY.  
I FURTHER COMMIT MYSELF TO THE BETTERMENT  
OF MY COMMUNITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL  
OF SOCIETY.

I SHALL FAITHFULLY OBSERVE THE PRINCIPLES  
OF ETHICS AND CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT  
SET FORTH BY THE PROFESSION.

ALL THIS I PLEDGE WITH PRIDE IN MY COMMITMENT  
TO THE PROFESSION AND THE PUBLIC IT SERVES.

DENTAL HYGIENE OATH

IN MY PRACTICE AS A DENTAL HYGIENIST, I AFFIRM MY  
PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMITMENT TO IMPROVE  
THE ORAL HEALTH OF THE PUBLIC, TO ADVANCE THE  
ART AND SCIENCE OF DENTAL HYGIENE, AND TO PROMOTE  
HIGH STANDARDS OF QUALITY CARE.

I PLEDGE CONTINUALLY TO IMPROVE MY PROFESSIONAL  
KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS, TO RENDER A FULL  
MEASURE OF SERVICE TO EACH PATIENT ENTRUSTED  
TO MY CARE, AND TO UPHOLD THE HIGHEST  
STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE AND  
PERSONAL CONDUCT IN THE INTEREST OF THE DENTAL  
HYGIENE PROFESSION AND THE PUBLIC IT SERVES.

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

*continued*

**Muhammad F. Walji, MS, PhD**  
Associate Dean for Technology Services and Informatics  
Chair in Dental Informatics

**Ralph A. Cooley, DDS**  
Assistant Dean for Admissions and Student Services

**Amity L. Gardner, DDS**  
Assistant Dean of Clinical Education

GRADUATE HOODERS

**Juliana A. Barros, DDS, MS**  
Associate Professor and Vice Chair of Restorative Dentistry  
and Prosthodontics

**Cleverick D. Johnson, DDS, MS**  
Professor and Director of Urgent Care Clinic  
Doan-Hunyh-Le Endowed Professor in General Dentistry

**Shalizeh A. Patel, DDS, MEd**  
Associate Dean *ad interim* for Patient Care

**Long Duc Tran, DDS**  
Associate Professor of General Practice and Dental Public Health

candidates receiving the degree of **Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene**

**Reham Abuabeileh**  
American Association of Public Health Dentistry Award  
UTSD Student Award in Interprofessional Education  
Mentor of the Year Award

**Jose L. Alamillo**  
Student Teaching Award

**Baraa S. Al-Karkhi**  
UTSD Informatics Award

**Kennisha Allen**

**Caroline S. Choi**  
The Greater Houston Dental Hygienists’ Association  
Ushma Ramaiya Memorial Scholarship

**Jessica A. Clingan**

**Zahra Daneshpey**

**Katherine N. Dugue**

**Avryll S. Felix**

**Kathy Lam**  
Delta Dental Scholarship for Dental and Dental Hygiene Students

**Ngoc Quyen D. Le**

**Christian Leonardo**

**Tiffany H. Ly**

**Jasmine K. Meng**

**Nicholas R. Mucci**  
UTSD Faculty Scholarships Dentistry - DH

**Evelynn Munoz**

**Yazmin Palmerin**

**Jade A. Pham**

**Martin G. Reiman**

**Kelly E. Rivera**

**Alexis C. Robichaux**  
Carus Dental-Dental Hygiene Endowed Scholarship Fund  
Sigma Phi Alpha Honor Society  
Dental Hygiene Excellence Award  
Greater Houston Dental Hygienists’ Society Outstanding  
Professional Leadership Award

**Crystal L. Roza**  
E-Portfolio Excellence Award  
Annual CD Johnson Award

**Nadia Saintot**  
Sigma Phi Alpha Honor Society  
UT Dental Hygienists’ Alumni Association Award

**Sierra G. Tupolo**

**Karla M. Valera**  
Proctor & Gamble Preventive Dentistry Award

**Olivia M. Young**  
The Greater Houston Dental Hygienists’ Association  
Ushma Ramaiya Memorial Scholarship  
Sigma Phi Alpha Honor Society  
Colgate Oral Pharmaceuticals Star Award

**Daisy Couto Jones Anicio**  
 Academic Achievement Award  
 Hu-Friedy Clinical Achievement Award-Golden Scaler

**Arpine Janbazian**  
 Gene Stevenson, DDS, Memorial Award in Evidence-based Dentistry - DH  
 UTSD Evidence-Based Dentistry Award

**Terisa B. Khuu**  
 Shirah May Hall Memorial Scholarship in Dental Hygiene

**Katarina I. Morton**

**Vy T. Nguyen**

**Aenea M. Ponce De Leon**  
 UTSD Simulation Award

**Ola Al Hatem, DDS**  
*Specialty*  
 Prosthodontics

**Nestor Alvarez Lamela, DMD**  
*Specialty*  
 Prosthodontics

**Sarah Arafat, DDS, MPH**  
*Specialty*  
 Pediatric Dentistry

**Han Na Cho, DMD**  
*Specialty*  
 Endodontics

**Darin Chokdee, DMD**  
*Specialty*  
 Pediatric Dentistry

**Ryan Cody, DDS**  
 The Dr. Milton and Florence Yellen Scholarship Fund  
*Specialty*  
 Orthodontics

**Gabriella Diaz, DDS**  
*Specialty*  
 Periodontics

**Andrew Dugum, DMD, MPH**  
*Specialty*  
 Periodontics

**Madison Fantin, DDS**  
*Specialty*  
 Pediatric Dentistry

**Keagan Foss, DDS**  
 Dr. Pauline C. “Jackie” Duke Orthodontic Residency Scholarship  
*Specialty*  
 Orthodontics

**Kyle Gopffarth, DDS**  
 Dr. Pauline C. “Jackie” Duke Orthodontic Residency Scholarship  
 Dr. Heyl G. Tebo Endowed Scholarship Fund  
*Specialty*  
 Orthodontics

**Austyn Grissom, DMD**  
*Specialty*  
 Endodontics

**Henry Hoffman, DDS**  
 Dr. Pauline C. “Jackie” Duke Orthodontic Residency Scholarship  
*Specialty*  
 Orthodontics

**Asia Inagaki, DDS**  
*Specialty*  
 Prosthodontics

**Megan Iritani, DDS**  
*Specialty*  
 Pediatric Dentistry

**Ryne Jackson, DMD**  
*Specialty*  
 Endodontics

**Jason Knapp, DDS**  
*Specialty*  
 Endodontics

**Mariana McNamara, DMD, MPH**  
*Specialty*  
 Endodontics

**Jeffrey Mount, DDS**  
 Dr. Pauline C. “Jackie” Duke Orthodontic Residency Scholarship  
 Dr. Heyl G. Tebo Endowed Scholarship Fund  
*Specialty*  
 Orthodontics

**Jiman Nelson, DMD, MS**  
*Specialty*  
 Periodontics

**Paloma Nguyen, DMD**  
*Specialty*  
 Pediatric Dentistry

**Thomas Nguyen, DDS**  
*Specialty*  
 Periodontics

**Rosangel Oropeza, DDS**  
*Specialty*  
 Pediatric Dentistry

**Sumedha Sharma, DMD**  
*Specialty*  
 Pediatric Dentistry

candidates receiving the degree of **Master of Science in Dentistry and Postgraduate Certificate**

**Jennifer Siller, DDS**  
Dr. Pauline C. “Jackie” Duke Orthodontic Residency Scholarship  
*Specialty*  
Orthodontics

**Hillary Strassner, DDS, MPH**  
*Specialty*  
Pediatric Dentistry

**Georgi Talmazov, DDS**  
*Specialty*  
Prosthodontics

**Richard Wallach, DDS**  
The Dr. Milton and Florence Yellen Scholarship Fund  
*Specialty*  
Orthodontics

candidates receiving a **Postgraduate Certificate**

**Cory Callahan, DDS**  
*Specialty*  
Advanced Education in General Dentistry

**Tony Chhay, DMD**  
*Specialty*  
General Practice Residency

**Jeung Cho, DMD**  
*Specialty*  
General Practice Residency

**Jung Hwa Choi, MD**  
*Specialty*  
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery 6 Years

**Haley Christians, DDS**  
*Specialty*  
Advanced Education in General Dentistry

**Sebastian East, DDS**  
*Specialty*  
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery 4 Years

**Jay Hwang, DDS**  
*Specialty*  
Advanced Education in General Dentistry

**Hans Igou, DDS**  
*Specialty*  
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery 4 Years

**Helder Jacob, DDS, MSc, PhD**  
*Specialty*  
Orthodontics Advanced Standing

**Duc Lam, MD**  
*Specialty*  
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery 6 Years

**Andrew Monell, DMD**  
*Specialty*  
Advanced Education in General Dentistry

**Tiffany Pham, DMD**  
*Specialty*  
General Practice Residency

**Dominik Rudecki, DMD**  
*Specialty*  
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery 4 Years

**Lauren Sanchez, DDS**  
*Specialty*  
General Practice Residency 2 Years

**Pasha Sanders, DDS, MD**  
*Specialty*  
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery 6 Years

**Eman Yusuf, DDS**  
*Specialty*  
General Practice Residency

Michael Akinyeye

Residency Plans

General Practice Residency

Sage N. Amin

Practice Plans

Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Michael B. Andrews

Robert O. Dosch and James L. Rout Award

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Dental Student Award

Houston Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon Award

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Achievement Award

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Award

Walter G. Sterling Award

Residency Plans

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency

Sam M. Anton

American Dental Society of Anesthesiology (Horace Wells) Award

Residency Plans

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency

Arash Ashouri

Practice Plans

Private Practice

Joshua S. Bear

Practice Plans

Private Practice

Kalin J. Bhavan

American Equilibration Society Award

American Academy of Orofacial Pain Outstanding Senior Award

Practice Plans

Private Practice, Wichita Falls, Texas

Assalia A. Boulos

Practice Plans

Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Rachel Cai

Practice Plans

Private Practice

Jay T. Colucci

Ninth District Dental Society Award for Collegiality

Practice Plans

Private Practice

Megan L. Crocker

Practice Plans

Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Gianncarlo Cruz

Delta Dental Scholarship for Dental and Dental Hygiene Students

Practice Plans

Private Practice

Elizabeth A. Cutbirth

Practice Plans

Private Practice, Magnolia, Texas

Stacey N. Diep

Women of Rotary Club UT Dental Branch Student

Texas Association of Women Dentists

Residency Plans

Pediatric Residency

Kelly H. Dinh

Practice Plans

Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Dominic J. DiRusso

Practice Plans

Private Practice

Marlana Dobbs

Residency Plans

Army, Military Service, Augusta, Georgia

Dylan L. Drgac

Texas Dental Association Outstanding Senior Award

Practice Plans

Private Practice, Caldwell, Texas

Joceylin Duarte

Dr. Jeanne Craig Sinkford Student Leadership Award

W. Kenneth Horwitz, DDS, Ethics and Professionalism Award

Practice Plans

Private Practice

Mina Elahidoust

Academy of General Dentistry Award

Practice Plans

Private Practice

Mary Anna A. Elliott Ontiveros

Lola B. and James R. Ballinger, DDS Scholarship

Residency Plans

General Practice Residency

Ibrahim Elyamany

Practice Plans

Private Practice

Joshua N. England

Practice Plans

Private Practice

Ryan P. Fahmy

Practice Plans

Private Practice, Elgin, Texas

Noah B. Falls

James P. Ferguson Dental Anatomy Award

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Award

Residency Plans

Orthodontics Residency

Anna Feng

Delta Dental Scholarship for Dental and Dental Hygiene Students

Residency Plans

Pediatric Residency

Rachel G. Finelli

Women of Rotary Club UT Dental Branch Student

Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Restorative Dentistry

Practice Plans

Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Jonathan George

Practice Plans

Private Practice

Joshua George

Practice Plans

Private Practice, Dallas, Texas

Kirouls S. Gowid

Houston Academy of General Dentistry Award

Residency Plans

Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency

Karun B. Grewal

Practice Plans

Private Practice, Dallas, Texas

Salem Hadgu

Practice Plans

Private Practice

Omid Hadj

Residency Plans

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency

Amira H. Haidar

American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry

Practice Plans

Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Matthew Halfmann

William “Sam” Leifeste, DDS Memorial Scholarship

Residency Plans

Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency

Vivian Harris

Lola B. and James R. Ballinger, DDS Scholarship

Practice Plans

Private Practice, Dallas, Texas

Winston A. Heath

Practice Plans

Private Practice

Kimberly B. Heaton

American Academy of Oral Medicine Certificate of Merit and Award in Oral Medicine

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Award

Practice Plans

Private Practice, Houston, Texas

John K. Herchuk

Practice Plans

Private Practice, Dallas, Texas

Landon V. Hirschi

Lola B. and James R. Ballinger, DDS Scholarship

Residency Plans

Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency

Paulina N. Ho

The Houston Asian American Dental Society Scholarship

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Predoctoral Student Award

Residency Plans

Pediatric Residency

Kimberly N. Hoang

Practice Plans

Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Che-Yu Hsu

The Brian D. Stone Memorial Award from Dental Lifeline Network

Practice Plans

Private Practice, Austin, Texas

**Jillian M. Huffman**

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Award

*Residency Plans*

Orthodontics Residency

**Chance A. Hunsaker**

Ninth District Dental Society Award for Ethics and Integrity

American College of Dentists Outstanding Student Leader Award

UTSD Alumni Association Senior Award

Ivoclar Vivadent Digital Dentistry Student of the Year Award

*Residency Plans*

Masters of Digital Dentistry

**Blake M. Hutzler**

Ninth District Dental Society Award for Collegiality

*Practice Plans*

Private Practice

**Samuel Johnson**

*Residency Plans*

General Practice Residency

**Lucia Karam**

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Award

*Practice Plans*

Private Practice, Houston, Texas

**Elizabeth M. Karkour**

*Practice Plans*

Private Practice

**Dooyeol Kim**

American Association of Orthodontists Award

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Award

*Residency Plans*

Orthodontics Residency

**Erik T. Le**

*Practice Plans*

Private Practice

**Raymond Lu**

Lola B. and James R. Ballinger, DDS Scholarship

Edwards C. Hinds Academy Award

*Residency Plans*

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery - 6 year Residency

**Taylor T. Ma**

Academy of Laser Dentistry Award

*Practice Plans*

Private Practice, Houston, Texas

**Selma G. Mahmoud**

Hanau Best of the Best Award for Excellence in Prosthodontics

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Award

*Practice Plans*

Private Practice, Houston, Texas

**Van Anh X. Mai**

*Practice Plans*

Private Practice, Houston, Texas

**Kiran K. Makhnejia**

*Practice Plans*

Private Practice

**Julianne J. Masabni**

Delta Dental Scholarship for Dental and Dental Hygiene Students

Society for Simulation in Healthcare Student Award

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Award

*Residency Plans*

Pediatric Residency

**Clinton Matkins**

Lola B. and James R. Ballinger, DDS Scholarship

*Residency Plans*

Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency

**Victoria B. McGuffin**

Delta Dental Scholarship for Dental and Dental Hygiene Students

Ninth District Dental Society Award for Collegiality

*Practice Plans*

Private Practice, Austin, Texas

**Patrick J. Mendez**

*Practice Plans*

Private Practice

**Daniel P. Mendoza**

American Academy of Implant Dentistry Undergraduate

Dental Student Award

*Residency Plans*

Navy, Military Service, San Diego, California

**Simone A. Menezes**

Bob and Tonya Foster Scholarship

Pierre Fauchard Academy Senior Student Award

UTSD Student Award in Applied Basic Science Award

UTSD Informatics Award

*Practice Plans*

Private Practice

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Testing Patterns for Syphilis and Other Sexually Transmitted Infections in Pregnant Women Presenting to Emergency Departments

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*Thesis*

Demographic Factors Associated with Changes in Attitudes Toward Couple Violence from Adolescence to Young Adulthood

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Digital Access as a Social Determinant of Health for Austin Area Youth

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A Cross-Sectional Study of the Association Between Food Insecurity and Type II Diabetes Among Low-Income Older Adults in the US

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Variation and Heritability of Laboratory Values of Metabolic Elements in Blood and Urine in Self-Reported Hispanics

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 The Changing Epidemiology of Clostridioides Difficile: A Systematic Review  
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THE NIGHTINGALE PLEDGE

I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE MYSELF IN THE PRESENCE  
OF THIS ASSEMBLY TO FAITHFULLY PRACTICE  
MY PROFESSION OF NURSING.

I WILL DO ALL IN MY POWER TO MAKE AND  
MAINTAIN THE HIGHEST STANDARDS AND PRACTICES  
OF MY PROFESSION.

I WILL HOLD IN CONFIDENCE ALL PERSONAL  
MATTERS COMMITTED TO MY KEEPING IN THE  
PRACTICE OF MY CALLING.

I WILL DEVOTE MYSELF TO THE WELFARE  
OF MY PATIENTS, MY FAMILY, AND MY COMMUNITY.

I WILL TAKE MY SHARE OF RESPONSIBILITY  
IN PROMOTING THE HEALTH AND WELFARE  
OF THE COMMUNITY.

I WILL CONSTANTLY ENDEAVOR TO INCREASE  
MY KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN NURSING AND  
TO USE THEM WISELY.

I WILL ZEALOUSLY SEEK TO NURSE THOSE WHO ARE  
ILL WHEREVER THEY MAY BE AND WHENEVER  
THEY ARE IN NEED.

I WILL BE ACTIVE IN ASSISTING OTHERS  
IN SAFEGUARDING AND PROMOTING THE HEALTH  
AND HAPPINESS OF MANKIND.

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Adapted from the original pledge by Lystra E. Gretter, 1893

*The Nightingale Pledge, named in honor of Florence Nightingale, is a modified version of the Hippocratic Oath. It is a statement of the ethics and principles of the nursing profession in the United States. More recent revisions reflect an expansion of nursing responsibilities to encompass patient advocacy and public health.*

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Representatives to the Student InterCouncil are wearing white sashes given to them in honor of their contribution to this important student governance organization.

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Postpartum Depression Screening in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit: Maternal and Provider Perspectives

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*Dissertation*  
Factors Associated with Advance Care Planning Engagement in Healthy Young Adults

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Implementing a Nutritional Educational Program for Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus Patients

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Increasing Nursing Leadership Competence and Confidence by Implementing a Novice Nurse Leader Development Program

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Workplace Safety: Utilization of Simulation to Improve Management of Aggression and Reduce Physical Assault by Patients on Nursing Care Providers in the Acute Care Setting

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Implementation of a Procedure acuity Documentation Tool to Improve Charge Capture and Operating Room Revenue

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Implementing the Just Culture Guide to Improve the Culture of Safety

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Transitional Care Education of Adolescents with Congenital Heart Disease

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Implementing a Nurse Champion Program to Reduce Peripheral Intravenous Infiltration and Extravasations (PIVIE)

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Creation of a “Code Golden Hour” to Improve Outcomes in Neonates <30 Weeks Gestation

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Initial Management of Insomnia in Older Adults Patients

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Implementation of Diabetes Model of Care in a Rural Primary Care Clinic

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Implementing a Nurse-Driven Aromatherapy Protocol to Decrease the Effect of Postoperative Nausea and Vomiting

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Implementation of a Formal Shared Governance Council to Improve the Engagement of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses in a Tertiary Hospital Setting

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Enhancing Resilience Among Nurse Managers: Efficacy of a Resilience Program

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Implementation of Patient Reported Outcomes for Lung Cancer Survivors Treated with Surgery  
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Increase Mobilization Using a Nurse-Driven Mobility Protocol to Decrease Length of Stay in the Surgical Liver Intensive Care Unit  
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Implementing the InSPIRE Protocol to Reduce Pressure Injuries in a Cardiac Intensive Care Unit  
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Using a Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Bundle and Recharge Room to Improve Resilience and Reduce Perceived Stress and Nurse Turnover in a Cardiovascular Operating Room  
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Decreasing the Use of Benzodiazepines and Sedative Hypnotics in Post Op Older Adults by Implementing an Education in Service  
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*Project*

The Development, Implementation, Evaluation of a Medical Emergency Response Program in an African-American Faith-Based Setting  
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Does Digital Matter – Using a Digital Air Leak Detection Device to Decrease Chest Tube Duration  
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Quality Improvement via User-Centered Design for Novel Computerized Interactive Dashboard Development: A Barcoded-Medication Administration Scanning Safety Exemplar  
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Improving Operating Room Efficiency in Robotic Cases  
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Creating A Unit-Level Dashboard to Drive Performance Improvement at the Intermediate Care Unit of a Cardiology Service  
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Decreasing 30-Day Stroke Readmission rates for Improving Education and Post-Discharge Coordination of Care  
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Increasing HPV Vaccination Rates with Patient Reminder and Recall System in a Community-Based Clinic  
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Improving Nurse Manager Job Satisfaction in the Perioperative Environment by Implementation of an Evidence-Based Career Planning Program  
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Implementation of a Dextrose Titration Protocol and Order set in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit to Reduce Practice Variation and Improve Nurse Autonomy  
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Implementation of a Nurse Manager Career Development Program in Pediatric Perioperative Areas  
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Implementation of a Pediatric Observation Nurse Staffing Strategy to Decrease Length of Stay  
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Improving Hypertension Recognition: Utilization of Blood Pressure (BP) Initiative to Obtain Accurate BP in the Elderly in Primary Care Outpatient  
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Development of a Pediatric Hemodialysis Staffing Model to Prevent Adverse Events in the Pediatric Hemodialysis Unit  
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*Project*

Total Joint Replacement Pre-Surgical Opioid Education Protocol  
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 Standardizing Enhanced Recovery After Surgery for Bariatric Surgical Patients  
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 Intraoperative Glycemic Management for the Diabetic, Non-cardiac Patient  
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- Terry Michael Lea  
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- Robena Lewars
- Lillian Li
- Kuei Ming Liang
- Lixian Luo
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- Tanner Mackay
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**Samuel Gbadeyan Adeoye**

**Ihuoma Florence Adkins**

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**Taye Mildred Ajike**

**Rahaf Omar Aldaim**

**Angela Ace Fontelera Alex** *magna cum laude*

**Ayesha Ali** *cum laude*

**Zaeema Ali** *magna cum laude*  
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**Mahin Fatima Ali** *cum laude*

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**Hannah Carson Allen** *cum laude*

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**Paolo Amigo**

**LaCiera Elisse Anderson**

**Katheryne Angel**

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**Mary Ann Augustin** *cum laude*

**Anna Avants** *summa cum laude*

**Aderonke Awofiranye**

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**Rachel Auburn Barnes** *cum laude*

**Melanie Bishara** *magna cum laude*

**John Blake** *summa cum laude*  
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**Ratchanida Boonnuea**

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**Zabrina Nadine Martinez Calahatian** *magna cum laude*

**Aracely Guadalupe Calzada** *magna cum laude*  
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**Jennifer Jasmin Campos**

**Stephanie Alyssa Campos** *cum laude*  
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Edrik Cantada

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Thania Carrillo

Joe Xavier Castaneda

Cynthia Julissa Castaneda *summa cum laude*  
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Raniel Castro *magna cum laude*  
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Diana Gabriela Ceja *summa cum laude*

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Darren Ernn Howe Chai *cum laude*

Amanda Trevino Chapa *magna cum laude*

Gabrielle Alaina Charvat *magna cum laude*

Phuc Hong Chau *magna cum laude*

Sakeena A. Chaudhry *summa cum laude*

Maria Candelaria Chavez

Tiffany Chiem *cum laude*

Confidence Chinemezu Chinaka

Fatima El Zahra Choukeir *magna cum laude*

Marie Renee Christopher *magna cum laude*

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Darianne Kate Pagente Cornito *cum laude*

Isaiah Daniel Culpepper

Cori Elizabeth Cunningham

Nathalie Damasco *cum laude*

Jennifer Damian

Vanessa Joeanna Daniel

Oscar Dao *magna cum laude*

Andrea Dominique SAYLO David

Cassandra Nmasinachi Davidson

Michaela Madison Davis

Courtney La’Faye Davis

Jannet De La Cruz *cum laude*

Yvana Rodillas Del Rosario

Elizabeth Quetzali Deleon *cum laude*

Marielle Joy Berongan Delos Santos

Mridhula Dharwal

Maribel Diaz *summa cum laude*

Tuyen T. Dinh

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Chieu Thu Do

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Kaitlynn Maria Gonzalez *summa cum laude*

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Madison Andrea Goucher *cum laude*

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Kelsey Erin Hayes *magna cum laude*

Emily Christina Henrikson *cum laude*

Martina Salazar Herrera

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Lauren Victoria Hitzfelder *cum laude*



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 *magna cum laude*

Nga Hoang
 *summa cum laude*

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Sarah Lynn Hopper

Keyara Amani Howell

Dimo Atanasov Hristov
 *summa cum laude*

Meredith Hull
 *summa cum laude*

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Tabish Syed Imam
 *cum laude*

Eucharía Egan Inyang

Blessing Oyenoye Inyang
 *cum laude*  
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Cheryl Marie Isaguirre

Emmanuel Oliseloke Izah
 *cum laude*

Feba Aju Jacob

Lygia Naomi Jacota
 *summa cum laude*

Jithin L. James
 *cum laude*

Brenda Lynnette Jimenez-Morales

Bianca Alexa Johnson

Casey Johnson

Kailyn Paige Johnson

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 *magna cum laude*

Danitra Lavon Jones
 *summa cum laude*

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 *cum laude*

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Funmilayo Kalu

Teaba Yamna Kamal

Saeem Siraj Karedia
 *summa cum laude*

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 *summa cum laude*

Aryel Kelley
 *magna cum laude*

Aurelie Laure Kenko Pokem

Zoha Khalid
 *summa cum laude*

Hadia Viqar Khan
 *cum laude*

Izma Khan

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 *cum laude*

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 *cum laude*

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 *cum laude*

Adrielle Frances Gaza Lee

Soal Lee
 *cum laude*

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Ana Carolina Lopez

Mayra Leticia Luciano Calderon

Anenda Lumbi
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Jorianna Isabel Luzardo Sulbaran

Elia Macha
 *magna cum laude*

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Neelam Maredia
 *cum laude*

Sharron Michelle Marsh
 *magna cum laude*

Nicole Guadalupe Martinez
 *cum laude*

Janneth Avvril Masters
 *cum laude*

Sharon Mathew
 *cum laude*

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 *cum laude*

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 *cum laude*

Joanna Milian

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Karen Melissa Mitchell

Zizipho Mkwalo

Rio Villalon Modequillo

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 *cum laude*

Yasin Abbas Momin
 *magna cum laude*

Ashley Jean Montag
 *summa cum laude*

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 *magna cum laude*

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 *magna cum laude*  
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Alba Victoria Murcia

Rey Arthur Murillo
 *magna cum laude*  
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Morgan Lea Mutterer
 *cum laude*

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<b>Gyllian Rae Navarro</b>
<b>Sajjal Saleem Nayani</b>
<b>Mehtab Nazarali</b> <i>cum laude</i>
<b>Ide Vanessa Ngassam Wague</b>
<b>Germaine Ngo Bassogock</b>
<b>Ann Tram Ngu</b>
<b>Linh My Nguyen</b>
<b>Truc Thanh Nguyen</b>
<b>Quyen Tu Nguyen</b> <i>cum laude</i>
<b>Thy Thanh Nguyen</b> <i>magna cum laude</i>
<b>Anh Thi Phuong Nguyen</b>
<b>Quoc Cao Van Nguyen</b>
<b>Amy Tu Nguyen</b> <i>cum laude</i>
<b>Cindy Thanh Duyen Nguyen</b> <i>cum laude</i>
<b>Thi Hong Quyen Nguyen</b> <i>cum laude</i>
<b>Alyssa Thu Nguyen</b> <i>magna cum laude</i>
<b>Joseph Nguyen</b> <i>magna cum laude</i>
<b>Trang THIENHUYNH Nguyen</b> <i>summa cum laude</i>
<b>Natalie Nguyen</b> <i>cum laude</i> School of Nursing Faculty Award of Excellence
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<b>Evita-Maria Ngombo Njekam</b> <i>cum laude</i>
<b>Aliya Noorani</b>
<b>Faith Bochaberi Nyanaro</b> <i>cum laude</i> Sigma Theta Tau
<b>Regan McCall O’Neill</b> <i>cum laude</i>
<b>Victoria Ngozi Obodo</b> <i>magna cum laude</i>
<b>Charity Chinenye Ogbu</b>
<b>Precious Udodirim Oguamanam</b>

<b>Marlen Ojeda</b> <i>summa cum laude</i>
<b>Ozioma C. Okoromah</b> <i>cum laude</i>
<b>Chigemelum Chelsea Okpala</b>
<b>Janet A. Olawanle</b>
<b>Motunrayo Deborah Olayinka</b>
<b>Lia Lutfi Olim</b> <i>summa cum laude</i>
<b>Norelly Alexandra Olmo</b>
<b>Oyinkansola Olorunfemi</b> <i>cum laude</i> School of Nursing Faculty Award of Excellence
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<b>Miranda Rae Orsak</b> <i>summa cum laude</i>
<b>Meredith Karely Ortiz</b>
<b>Emily Skye Owen</b> <i>cum laude</i>
<b>Alexandra Helen Owens</b> <i>cum laude</i>
<b>Feyisara Olubunmi Oyeshile</b>
<b>Marc Christian Labastilla Pamisa</b>
<b>Priscilla Pantoja</b>
<b>Francesca Paris</b>
<b>Nidhi Patel</b> <i>cum laude</i>
<b>Ruchi Patel</b> <i>cum laude</i>
<b>Jaynisha B. Patel</b> <i>magna cum laude</i>
<b>Mfon Patience Paul</b>
<b>Heather Nicole Pelt</b>
<b>Nicole Marie Petty</b> <i>magna cum laude</i>
<b>Theresa Thien-Dieu Pham</b>
<b>Tram Pham</b>
<b>Sydney Michelle Phillips</b>
<b>Daniella Grace Phillipsen</b> <i>cum laude</i>
<b>Meghan Pinfold</b> <i>cum laude</i>
<b>Nicole Debra Plunkett</b> <i>cum laude</i>

<b>Carlos Alexander Pozo</b>
<b>Madeleine Dane Prator</b>
<b>Lyle Veronica Aquino Rabara</b>
<b>Paiton Reese Raines</b>
<b>Samantha M. Ramm</b> <i>magna cum laude</i>
<b>Emily Victoria Ramos</b> <i>cum laude</i>
<b>Michelle Nicole Randall</b> <i>cum laude</i>
<b>Nadia Mae Calica Regaspi</b> <i>cum laude</i>
<b>Koren Reissland</b>
<b>Sherine Renjit</b>
<b>Jose Saul Reyes Morales</b>
<b>Leslie Yaret Rhodes</b> <i>cum laude</i>
<b>Hayden Michael Richard</b> <i>magna cum laude</i>
<b>Julia Richardson</b> <i>summa cum laude</i>
<b>Samantha Joanna Rios</b>
<b>Kristen Michelle Ripple</b> <i>magna cum laude</i>
<b>Jesus E. Rivera</b>
<b>Anngee Maig Robaina Colmenarez</b> <i>cum laude</i>
<b>Jenny Anne Robichaux</b> <i>summa cum laude</i>
<b>Brenda Roche</b>
<b>Mikayla Lynn Rodriguez</b>
<b>Victoria Lynsi Rodriguez</b> <i>magna cum laude</i>
<b>Jessica Nicolette Rodriguez</b>
<b>Mayte Rodriguez</b>
<b>Carlos Eduardo Rodriguez</b> <i>cum laude</i>
<b>Melissa Rodriguez</b> <i>magna cum laude</i>
<b>Leana Rogers</b> <i>summa cum laude</i> Dorothy Otto Professionalism Award
<b>Nataliya Romanyukha</b> <i>summa cum laude</i>

<b>Jadsia Samantha Roopchand</b> <i>summa cum laude</i> Honors Program School of Nursing Faculty Award of Excellence
<b>Rudelay Roque Fernandez</b>
<b>Brynne Michael Rountree</b>
<b>Griselda Salazar</b>
<b>Ana Bernielene Pel Salcedo</b>
<b>Astrid Atenas Saleh</b>
<b>Anuoluwapo Omobola Salu</b> <i>magna cum laude</i>
<b>Aminat Yetunde Sanni</b> <i>magna cum laude</i>
<b>Ann Mary Santhosh</b>
<b>Samantha Rae Sax</b> <i>summa cum laude</i>
<b>Carrie Marie Scott</b> <i>magna cum laude</i> Honors Program
<b>Akshaya Shankar</b>
<b>Sarah Leann Shannon</b> <i>summa cum laude</i>
<b>Briana Sherman</b> <i>cum laude</i>
<b>Simisola Adeola Shodunke</b>
<b>Savannah Le Short</b> <i>summa cum laude</i>
<b>Rafia Raheel Siddiqui</b>
<b>Elise Noelle Siders</b> <i>magna cum laude</i> Honors Program
<b>Sarah Marian Ouzounian Sidhu</b>
<b>Annelisse Silva Portillo</b> <i>cum laude</i>
<b>Elyse Kendall Simmons</b> <i>magna cum laude</i>
<b>Whitney D. Simmons</b>
<b>Christina Miranda Simon</b>
<b>Ana Alise Simone</b> <i>magna cum laude</i>
<b>Songkhanh Taffy Sisourath</b> <i>cum laude</i>
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<b>Mackenzie Irene Skoller</b> <i>cum laude</i>

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Ann Poage D.A.R. Award

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**Anna Elizabeth Solcher** *summa cum laude*

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**Ameena Syed** *magna cum laude*

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Sigma Theta Tau  
Harris County Medical Society Alliance Clinical Excellence Award

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School of Nursing Spirit Award

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**Gemta Tessema** *cum laude*

**Thu Minh Thai**

**Mahalakshmi Thangathiruppathi**

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**Dao Tran**

**Nguyen Tran**

**Kenny Tai Tran** *cum laude*

**Sandra Trevino**

**Anh Trieu**

**Abia Tufail** *cum laude*

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**Alma Brenda Vazquez**

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**My Le Thao Vo**

**Diana Que Dan Vo** *cum laude*

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Sigma Theta Tau

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