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10am - 12pm CST

PROGRAM

10:05 am	Welcome	Dr. Oscar Gonzales Assistant Professor Department of Business Administration
	National Anthem	
10:10 am	President's Remark	Dr. Serif Ali Tekalan President of North American University
10:15 am	Keynote Speaker	Sylvester Turner Houston Mayor From the International Universities Around the World
	Congratulatory Remarks	
11:00 am	Honor Introduction	Dr. Faruk Taban Provost
	Co-Valedictorian's address	Alibekova, Tolgonai (Business) Archer, Brandon McCloud (Business)
11: 10 am	Presentation of Candidates	
	Department of Business Administration	Dr. Deandra Travis Department Chair
	Masters Candidates	
	Bachelors Candidates	
	Department of Computer Science	Dr. Ibrahim Suslu Department Chair
	Masters Candidates	
	Bachelors Candidates	
	Department of Interdisciplinary Studies in Education	Dr. Halil Tas Department Chair
	Masters Candidates	
	Bachelors Candidates	
11:15 am	Presenting Candidates	Dr. Faruk Taban Provost
	Confirming of Degrees	Dr. Serif Ali Tekalan President
11:20	Closing Remark, NAU Memories, and Testimonials	Dr. Oscar Gonzales

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Mr. Sylvester Turner is an American attorney and politician, and is the 62nd mayor of Houston, Texas. He was a member of the Texas House of Representatives from 1989 until 2016. He attended the University of Houston and Harvard Law School.

Mayor Turner's signature priorities include Complete Communities, an initiative designed to revitalize and improve Houston's most under-served neighborhoods by partnering with local stakeholders to leverage resources to create a more equitable and prosperous city for all Houstonians.

He also created the Hire Houston Youth program to provide jobs and internship opportunities for thousands of young people each year and forged public-private partnerships to improve neighborhood parks and expand Houston's technology and innovation footprint.

As the chief executive of the world's energy capital, Mayor Turner brings a performance-driven approach to the job, creating a more responsive, streamlined, and efficient delivery of city services while shoring up Houston's financial future. As a nationally recognized leader, Mayor Turner is a member of the U.S. Conference of Mayors Transportation and Communications Standing Committee, co-chair of Climate Mayors, member of the C40 and Global Covenant for Mayors for Climate and Energy and an advisory board member of the African American Mayors Association.

He is also the recipient of the Ohtli Award, the Mexican government's highest honor. Numerous publications and news outlets such as 60 Minutes, MSNBC, CNN, CNBC, and FOX News have recognized Mayor Turner as a thought leader. The Wall Street Journal, Black Enterprise Magazine, Cuba Today Magazine, Ebony, New York Times, Washington Post, and USA Today have also featured Mayor Turner for his leadership and accomplishments.

In March 2020, the University of Houston Master of Public Administration Program honored Mayor Turner with the Pioneer of Public Service Award. As a life-long resident of Houston, Mayor Turner is passionate about his city and continues to live in the Acres Homes community where he grew up. He is a graduate of the University of Houston and earned a law degree from Harvard University. He began his law practice at Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. and later founded Barnes & Turner Law Firm.

www.houstontx.gov/mayor/bio.html

Department of Business Administration

Houston, the most populous city in Texas and the fourth largest city in the U.S., is also a global hub for many companies and businesses that operate in various active industries from energy to space science to health care services.

That makes our communities strong economically, socially, politically, and culturally. These business organizations, both large and small, profit and nonprofit, need ethical managers who have integrity, good judgment, and civic mindedness. The Business Administration bachelor-degree program at NAU, guided by the mission of the department, integrates these virtues throughout the program of study.

The 4-year Business Administration bachelor-degree program provides our students with a high-quality education and prepares them to become proficient and responsible managers which today's business environment needs the most. Our graduates are acquainted with information related to the legal framework of the business world and are well prepared for a changing business environment with a global perspective.

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Concentration - Business Analytics

Angodo, Jucale Arielle
Bircicek, Havva
Chahal, Supreen Kaur
Faye, Mame Narou
Gonzalez, Astrid Jackeline
Gonzalez, Maria Blanca Lucia
Kara, Metin
Khan, Faizan Attaullah
Lyu, You
Manesia, Binish Iqbal
Mishra, Neeta Sunil
Ozduran, Erhan
Prajapati, Paresch Bhikhabhai

Concentration - Health Care Management

Dinh, Mai Thi Phuong

Concentration - Leadership & Change Management

Altarawneh, Majd Salem
Asanova, Zhiidegul
Bafali, Saadet
Dursun, Acilay
Esen, Okan
Fu, Yanyue
Gaytos, Deinel Benet Roep
Ibagbeola, Olutoyin Abimbola
Jose, Febin
Karib, Marwan Ahmad
Liu, Yu
Olugbenga, Oluwatobi Temitope
Rizwan, Hasan

Department of Business Administration

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

2019 - 2020

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (Honor Code)

Abdrakhmanov, Dinmukhamed
Adasbek, Adina (Magna Cum Laude)
Alibekova, Tolgonai (Summa Cum Laude)
Altyyev, Atajan
Archer, Brandon Mccloud (Summa Cum Laude)
Ayvazov, Oydin
Baldwin, Amanda Danielle (Magna Cum Laude)
Bizarro, Robeen Alarquia Semedo
Bugrahan, Feyza Nur (Summa Cum Laude)
Dhanani, Arzoo (Cum Laude)
Dhanani, Nasarin Salim (Cum Laude)
Gouroudja Ahmadou, Moctar
Granados, Sonia
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Department of Computer Science

Computers touch almost all aspects of our daily lives. They are the basis of many of the endeavors in our society today and continue to advance various areas as well as opening new fields.

These endeavors include the entertainment industry, engineering, government, medicine, business, manufacturing, science, space exploration and communication.

All of these fields would not be able to develop and advance their respective areas without the use of computers and the methods of Computer Science. It spans from its theoretical and algorithmic foundations to cutting-edge developments in software engineering, networking, and other exciting areas. Its comprehensive foundation allows graduates to adapt to new technologies and new ideas.

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Concentration - Networking

Azizi, Ehsan
Cingilli, Ali
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Gundogdyev, Annamurat
Karabulut, Aydogan
Kurucan, Fuat
Manuel, Anjaly
Oksuz, Muhammed Onur
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Concentration - Software Engineering

Ahir Kapadia, Jignesh Balvantbhai
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Balci Durmaz, Guler
Bulut Bogus, Ozlem
Cole, Prince Emmanuel
Edukulla, Raviteja
Haytiyev, David Serdar
Jamal, Sammy Ryan
Katuru, Prasanthi
Korekoglu, Turker
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Shahyrov, Aydogdy
Sis, Fatih
Ulucay, Kagan
Vasaya, Amirali Akbarali
Yormaz, Halilibrahim
Yusuf, Abdulhalim

Concentration - Cyber Security

Abdykerimov, Adilet

Concentration - Data Analytics

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Chifji, Jikhangirabdull
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Dorn-Meyer, Dani Lynn (Cum Laude)
Frolova, Albina (Magna Cum Laude)
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Department of Interdisciplinary Studies in Education

The education has been viewed as a key to a successful life. The Department of Education offers students pursuing M.Ed. degrees in Educational Leadership, School Counseling, and Curriculum and Instruction, B.S. degree in Interdisciplinary Studies in Education in four concentration such as Elementary Education, English Language Art/Reading, Mathematics, and Physical Education.

The department focuses on teacher education which play crucial role in k-12 schools by providing high quality education that enables them to prepare curricula, design and deliver instruction with state-of-the-art instructional technology.

Our students and pre-service teachers are provided with the most updated literature, courses materials, and practicum opportunities in our surrounding school districts that help them with the real classroom experiences to communicate with parents and students, effectively manage classroom based on knowledge of human development, learning environments, and cognitive and behavioral models.

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Concentration - Educational Technology

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Concentration - English Language Art Education

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Concentration - Mathematics Education

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Concentration - Science Education

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