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# COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

CLASS OF 2023  
MONDAY, 15TH OF MAY 2023

NORTH AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

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# PROGRAM

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7:05 pm	Welcome	Mr. Donald Gary Admissions Coordinator
7:10 pm	National Anthem President's Remark	Dr. Faruk Taban President of NAU
7:15 pm	Keynote Speaker	Dr. Pretta VanDible Stallworth HCC Trustee
7:45 pm	Honor Introduction	Dr. Halil Tas Provost and VP for Academic Affairs
	Valedictorian addresses	Syla Krenare Department of Computer Science Software Engineering
7:50 pm	<b><i>Presentation of Candidates</i></b> Graduation Reader	Mr. Larry Whittington Director, OIEP
	Department of Business Administration Masters Candidates Bachelors Candidates	Dr. Deandra Travis Department Chair
	Department of Computer Science Masters Candidates Bachelors Candidates	Dr. Ihsan Said Department Chair
	Department of Education Masters Candidates Bachelors Candidates	Dr. Karman Kurban Department Chair
8:20 pm	Presenting Candidates	Dr. Halil Tas Provost and VP for Academic Affairs
	Confirming of Degree	Dr. Faruk Taban President of NAU
8:20 pm	NAU Memories and Testimonials	
8:30 pm	Closing Remark	Mr. Donald Gary Admissions Coordinator

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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### **Dr. Pretta VanDible Stallworth**

Dr. Pretta VanDible Stallworth was elected in December 2017 to represent District IX on the Houston Community College Board of Trustees. She is an HISD graduate of Reynolds Elementary, Woodson Middle, and Worthing High District IX schools. Trustee VanDible Stallworth also served as the first HCC District IX Board member from 1989–1993. During the five-year tenure, the appointed board transitioned the community college from a president-directed, shared-facilities entity with the Houston Independent School District to an independent chancellor leadership system with six colleges.

Trustee VanDible Stallworth holds a Bachelor of Science and Master in Chemical Engineering from Rice University, Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Texas Southern University, and an MBA and a Ph.D. in Christian Education. She is also a Project Management Professional certified by the Project Management Institute International and holds a Minority Business Certification from Dartmouth College Tuck School of Business.

Trustee VanDible Stallworth is an adjunct professor and has taught 16 courses at the university, two-year college, business, and corporate training levels for over 30 years. She is a corporate trainer for the Certified Associate in Project Management course, a curriculum designer, and online course developer. The trustee designed and developed two emotional abuse awareness curriculums: the “Learn about Emotional Abuse Program” (LEAP) utilized in the Harris County Family Law Courts, and the LEAP-E Tool Kit for educators.

As a consultant for Witty Inventions, Trustee VanDible Stallworth provides business-to-business project management, commercial cost estimation, construction support, business development, and operations. Consulting support services were also provided for the Texas Pulse Oximetry Project Model, an award-winning national model for screening for the early detection of Critical Congenital Heart Defect in the apparently healthy newborn before hospital discharge. She also consulted on the Honey Child Prenatal Education Program that provides African-American women with culturally-appropriate information and support needed for healthy pregnancy and birth outcome.

Trustee VanDible Stallworth serves as a board member of the Association of Rice University Black Alumni and is president of Parents for Public Schools of Houston. She served as a Boy Scouts of America Troop 740 parent volunteer, merit badge counselor and Friends of Scouting coordinator. The trustee was the 2010 President of the Ft. Bend International Festival. Trustee VanDible Stallworth served as Chaplain for Senate District 13, precinct 555 chair, and election judge for three years. She currently serves on her community HOA Board.

Trustee VanDible Stallworth was owner and manager of Computer & Technology Support Services for over 16 years. The Mississippi-based small business concern held contracts with Department of Defense military divisions. The company participated in the 2005 federal disaster recovery Katrina effort in Mississippi. CTS contracted with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and provided technical expertise and information systems support in Mississippi, including the Vicksburg District, Keesler Air Force Base-Biloxi, Gulfport, Gautier, Diamondhead, and Hattiesburg.

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## 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***

Cole, Prince  
Faraz, Fnu Ahmed Sultan  
Guinguere, Ghislaine  
Hui, Zi  
Imran, Mahrukh  
Kusdavletov, Timur  
Niang, Maguette  
Okeleke, Martins  
Rabearimino, Lahatra  
Seker, Tolgonai  
Tariq, Manahil

***Concentration: Healthcare Management***

Ahuja, Varuna  
Aleena, Fnu  
Ali, Andileb  
Cao, Hien Khanh  
Huda, Umer  
Riaz, Sufian  
Safarov, Karomatullo

***Concentration: Leadership & Change Management***

Bosede, Collins  
Cabading, Jovily Carmel  
Dhanani, Nasarin  
Farooq, Sheikh Muhammad  
Gonzales, Adam  
Maknojia, Alwyn  
Quli Khan, Alaa

***Concentration: Operations Management***

Bhakta, Riya M  
Japarova, Ayna  
Shaikh, Mahad  
Suleimanov, Mirza  
Traore, Safiatou  
Uapov, Bagdat

**Bachelor of Science (Honor Code)**

Abdurahimov, Ibrohim

Ali, Mohsin (Magna Cum Laude)

Carter, Vincent

Cevik, Beyza

Garcia, San Juana (Cum Laude)

Gonzale, Gonzalez Victor (Summa Cum Laude)

Gurvits, Alyona (Summa Cum Laude)

Martinez Santos, Mary Leeyn

McCammon, Drew

Mushfiq, Mohammad (Summa Cum Laude)

Nepesov, Nurgeldi

Oriane Elsa N'dre, Kassi

Oumarou Medjiguida, Zainabou (Summa Cum Laude)

Pritchett, Jacory

Ray, Rickey Shipman

Sangare, Hassan

Sanli, Halid

Tran, Lam Vy (Cum Laude)

Vicly, Muhammad (Cum Laude)

Zulfaj, Blerona (Summa Cum Laude)

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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***

Khan, Muhammad Arsalan  
Oumarou Medjguida, Hafiz  
Rejepov, Agamyrat  
Ayub, Muhammad  
Jamil, Osama

***Concentration: Software Engineering***

Abdykanyeva, Adelina  
Abufakir, Adel Abou Fakher  
Ahmadov, Rashad  
Akbalayev, Atabek  
Akdogan, Burak  
Aksu, Mustafa  
Aktas, Furkan  
Akyurt, Abdulkadir  
Alshammari, Maryam  
Andarbayeva, Tomiris  
Arslan, Serafettin  
Atakulyyev, Rozymyrat  
Bahadir, Ismail  
Bark, Yucel  
Barnard, Leland  
Bulungiray, Fatih  
Burusa, Nazmiye Sinem  
Buyukyalcin, Murat  
Cakin, Furkan  
Celik, Ebru  
Demirleng, Hacer  
Dengiz, Iclal  
Dibi, Fadime  
Dilek Iyimaya, Hatice  
Dokmeci, Gulhanim  
Dzhumabayev, Mederbek

Edison, Sophia  
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Gunes, Oznur  
Gurler, Kemal  
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Hudayberdiyev, Dovlet  
Kahhori, Muhammadikbol  
KAYA, Erdal  
Kertim, Orhan  
Kertim, Sevgi  
Khalaf, Tokka  
Khamush, Jaihoon  
Kocak, Mehmet  
Koklu, Mustafa  
Kurt, Derya  
Kurt, Ekrem  
Kurt, Kadriye  
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Mamatnazarova, Nuraiym  
Marul, Ayten  
Meiramgaliyeva, Zulfiya  
Mineyli, Murat  
Mirza, Zeeshan  
Mohammed, Mustafa Raza  
Moldakhmetov, Zhaxylyk  
Muttalib, Erhan  
Myrzataev, Nurtilek  
Nasirov, Adilet  
Nobatov, Azat

Omorov, Akzholbek  
Oncu, Melike  
Orazova, Maysa  
Oren, Firdevs  
Ozdemir, Hasan  
Ozturk, Yavuz Selim  
Paltayev, Mergen  
Parmanov, Kairat  
Peker, Vahit  
Pezuk, Gulsah  
Ramazanov, Dastan  
Rejepova, Bilbil  
Rysbek kyzy, Nargiza  
Sahin, Ayla  
Saiitkulov, Bektur  
Saliev, Sadirbek  
Selcuk, Serdar  
Sherali Kyzy, Dilnaz  
Sola, Nasirdin  
Sridhar, Narasimman  
Tanimawo, Samson  
Turkmen, Zeynep  
Turkmen, Zuleyha  
Udaeva, Nargiza  
Uysal, Necati  
Yalcin, Abdulaziz  
Yalcin, Betul  
Yalkapov, Dilshat  
Yanar, Pinar  
Yapici, Hajar  
Yavas, Bilal  
Yigit, Vahide  
Yilmaz, Esra

***Concentration: Cyber Security***

Agdaci, Adam  
Buyukkalayci, Merve  
Elitas, Adil  
Hakim, Yad  
Kahraman, Omer  
Kaplan, Yunus  
Keshavelal, Joshan  
Kimukin, Suheyła  
Kiydal, Emrullah  
Makhmetzhanova, Assel Gabbasovna  
Nate, Ela  
Pombolo, Rigoberto  
Rajput, Asim Nawaz  
Randrianaivo, Toavina  
Sharma, Dilip

***Concentration: Data Analytics***

Bag, Ayhan  
Gayypov, Hanmuhammet  
Hasmeta, Klea  
Iqrar, Ali  
Isgandarli, Musa  
Kundoor, Sumana  
Merugu, Potharaju  
Okei, Peace  
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Raees, Sarosh  
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Sherimbekov, Nurlan  
Turhan, Gulsen  
Unnam, Srujana

**Bachelor of Science (Honor Code)**

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Annamyradov, Bayhan  
Asymbaev, Dastan (Cum Laude)  
Ba, Bintou (Magna Cum Laude)  
Baibolatova, Dalila (Magna Cum Laude)  
Balderas, Alexis  
Boyar, Asli (Summa Cum Laude)  
Dursun, Abdulsamet (Cum Laude)  
Ejaz, Shahzaib (Summa Cum Laude)  
Francis, Isaiah (Cum Laude)  
Gokalp, Ihsan (Cum Laude)  
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Karimov, Sanzhar (Magna Cum Laude)  
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Kaygusuz, Mukaddes (Cum Laude)  
Khuatbyek, Omar (Cum Laude)  
Kimani, Daniel (Summa Cum Laude)  
Martinez, Ricardo  
Mora, Miguel (Summa Cum Laude)  
Nurlanuly, Yerzhan (Summa Cum Laude)  
Oumarou Medjiguida, Abdoukarim (Magna Cum Laude)  
Paltayeva, Maysa  
Qureshi, Bilal  
Rivera Luevano, Christian Alexis (Magna Cum Laude)  
Rustamova, Aliia (Magna Cum Laude)  
Sabyr, Islam (Magna Cum Laude)  
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Syla, Krenare  
Sylla, Boubacar  
Topsakal, Mustafa (Cum Laude)  
Yuksel, Michael Mikail (Summa Cum Laude)

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## **Department of Interdisciplinary Studies in Education**

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 plays a 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***

Abdykadyrova, Elmura  
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Ainabekova, Almagul  
Alnashi, Fatimah  
Avei, Zehra  
El Gohary, Nehal  
Emillbek kyzy, Meerim  
Ercan, Gozde  
Flores, Carlos  
Karasakal, Muhammet  
Kaur, Sarabjot  
Kudaibergenova, Aiperi  
Makishov, Saparbek  
Moazzezi, Firouzeh  
Ratani, Priya  
Sarikaya, Tuba  
Sokhibova, Manizha

***Concentration: English Language Art Education***

Biigeldieva, Zhyldyz  
Karagoz, Selda  
Kocak, Hulya  
Rehman, Alvina  
Traore, Aisse  
Uyar, Dorontina

***Concentration: Mathematics Education***

Bekmenbetov, Kalysbek  
Er, Ulku  
Gonul, Sena Gul  
Mambetzhupova, Kunduz  
Turganbayeva, Marzhan

***Concentration: Science Education***

Aibatbek, Akkerim  
Dovletov, Umyt  
Gyurtash Cholak, Nagehan  
Inal, Ahmet Sadettin  
Iqbal, Muhammad  
Kuralay, Zhanassova  
Ozdeniz, Elif  
Tok, Ayse

**Master of Education in Educational Leadership**

Aibasheva, Aliia  
Aydin, Mustafa  
Buyukyalein, Yasemin  
Cimen, Ibrahim  
Coskun, Ersin  
Doner, Sumeyra  
Efeturk, Ahmet  
Elgazar, Omhashem  
Elsharkawy, Sara  
Ilbay, Ahmet  
Karabulut, Mithat  
Karaca, Sedat  
Kirkagacli, Lutfullah  
Ozkilic, Suzan  
Ozkilic, Yasin  
Penagos, Juan  
Qureshi, Samreen  
Sahinoglu, Ilyas  
Sammad, Muhammad Abdul  
Tawakul Maher, Rima  
Tayfan, Erkan  
Tayinci, Erhan  
Thabet, Mahmoud  
Topsakal, Enver  
Yildirim, Gokhan



**Master of Education in School Counseling**

Abbasey, Nada  
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Alpsoy, Zeki  
Bark, Seniha  
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Durmus, Muhammet Ali  
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Figueroa, Laura  
Firat, Selver  
Grasso, Nicholas  
Gul, Baran  
Ham, Yohani  
Itchon, Miranda  
Jordan, Shana  
Kandemir, Emel  
Kuatov, Aidos  
Kutlyyeva, Gullale  
McKinley, Stephanie  
Mejia, Delfido  
Mohammed, Randa  
Mural, Susan  
Ozaydin, Betul  
Ozkurt, Hacer  
Pittroff, Layne  
Ploetz, Jillian Rac  
Pointer, Rondalyn  
Rachmawati, Wulan  
Sarihan, Guler  
Siddiqui, Umamah  
Singleton, Jailin  
Tan, Meng  
Toprak, Yasin  
Yazici, Sumeyra  
Yildirim, Elif  
Zhanuzakova, Aigerim

**Bachelor of Science (Honor Code)**

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Ismailova, Saierakhon (Summa Cum Laude)

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Samnani, Larin Rahim (Summa Cum Laude)

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