



RENU KHATOR • CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

UH System Board of Regents Meeting • May 18, 2023

University of Houston System

UH System Spring 2023 Graduation Total Reaches 9,480

The UH System spring 2023 preliminary graduation total is 9,480. With the addition of approximately 6,990 degrees awarded during the fall 2022 semester, the estimated total number of degrees awarded systemwide for the 2022-2023 academic year is 16,470.

	UH	UHCL	UHD	UHV	UHS SYSTEM
BACHELOR	4,324	769	1,303	366	6,866
MASTER	1,260	488	149	226	2,123
DOCTOR	161	16			177
PROFESSIONAL	418				418
TOTAL	6,163	1,273	1,452	592	9,480

University of Houston

College of Nursing Renamed After \$20M Gift From Gessner Family

In recognition of a transformational \$20 million gift from UH alumnus Andy Gessner and his wife, Barbara, the College of Nursing has been renamed the Andy and Barbara Gessner College of Nursing. The Gessner’s gift will strengthen nursing education and research, fund scholarships and fellowships for students, and ultimately increase the number of highly educated nurses in the workforce. This gift is the latest of many generous contributions the Gessner family has made to the University over the years.

UH Ranks Among Top 100 Global Universities for Patents

According to the National Academy of Inventors, UH ranks among the top 100 global universities for the number of utility patents issued in 2022. UH had 32 patents granted last year, joining the University of Texas and Texas A&M as the only Texas universities on the top 100 list. UH has ranked among the top 100 global universities for seven of the past eight years.

DOE Encourages Gulf Coast-Focused Regional Clean Hydrogen Hub Proposal

UH established an academic consortium of eight universities and five community colleges to work on the development of a regional clean hydrogen hub on the U.S. Gulf Coast. The project, known as the Leading in Gulf Coast Hydrogen Transition (LIGH2T) Hub, is competing for part of the \$7 billion in federal funds available to establish six-to-10 regional hubs across the nation. The U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of Clean Energy Demonstration encouraged the consortium to submit a full application and move to the next phase of the nationwide selection process.

UH Football Matches 1997 Record with 4 NFL Draft Selections

UH Football had four NFL draft selections this season, and it was the most for the program since matching the feat in 1997. The historic draft class upped the program's total to 192 all-time selections, including an impressive 21 selections since 2016.

UH Student Receives Goldwater Scholarship for STEM Achievements

A UH Honors student with a passion for research and helping others, Gabrielle Kostecki, adds the prestigious Goldwater Scholarship to her growing list of accomplishments. The Barry Goldwater Scholarship recognizes the achievements of exemplary STEM students from around the nation and remains a competitive award for undergraduates. She is among 413 Goldwater Scholars selected from a pool of approximately 5,000 students.

UH Assistant Professor Named 'Emerging Leader' by Offshore Technology Conference

Xingpeng Li, assistant professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering in the Cullen College of Engineering, has been named an Emerging Leader by the 2023 Offshore Technology Conference. Of the nine honorees, Li is the only one from an institution of higher education.

University of Houston-Clear Lake

UHCL Graduates Largest Class in University History

The University of Houston-Clear Lake made history this semester with its largest graduating class ever. More than 1,273 students applied for spring 2023 graduation. This milestone is a testament to UHCL's dedication to providing high-quality education and preparing students for successful futures.

UHCL's Healthcare Administration Program Finds New Home in Texas Children's Hospital

The UH-Clear Lake College of Business Healthcare Administration program has secured a prime, cutting-edge location at Texas Children's Hospital, taking over the entire 14th floor. The move places the program at the heart of the Texas Medical Center, and it offers students and faculty unparalleled collaboration, internship and networking opportunities for a unique educational experience.

Former South Korean Prime Minister Delivers Lecture at UHCL

Nakyon Lee, the former Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea, delivered a thought-provoking lecture titled "America's Dream Never Ends: The Desirable Foreign Policies for the Upcoming Era" at UH-Clear Lake on March 23. This high-caliber event exemplifies UHCL's commitment to fostering intellectual growth and global perspectives in its academic pursuits.

University of Houston-Downtown

UHD Establishes Gator Success Institute

UH-Downtown is launching the Gator Success Institute (GSI) to support its top priority of enhancing student success thanks to a \$750,000 grant from the ECMC Foundation. This new institute will provide student-centric infrastructure and expanded wraparound services to address the needs of first-generation, low-income and historically excluded students. The GSI will offer academic, professional, financial and basic support to help these students earn their degrees and become future leaders.

UHD Awarded \$2.5 Million to Upgrade Bilingual E-Library and Enhance Literacy Skills

The U.S. Department of Commerce has awarded \$2.5 million to UH-Downtown to upgrade its bilingual e-library and enhance the literacy skills and connectivity of the Hispanic community. The two-year project aims to expand the library's resources and accessibility, benefiting not only Houstonians but also users worldwide. The enhanced e-library is expected to have a significant impact on workforce development and the local economy, as the city of Houston aims to increase the literacy skills of its residents.

UHD's Pathways to Teaching Program Continues with \$2.5 Million Title Five Grant

The UH-Downtown College of Public Service's Urban Education department received a Title Five grant of \$2.5 million over five years for its Pathways to Teaching in Critical Areas of Need program. The program aims to provide teaching certification to students in critical areas of need, particularly bilingual education, and ultimately place highly qualified teachers who reflect the area's student demographics.

University of Houston-Victoria

UH-Victoria Honors Former UH System Regent Kay Kerr Walker

Community leaders, higher education supporters and friends celebrated Kay Kerr Walker with the opening of Kay's Grove, a memorial garden in her honor at UH-Victoria. Walker served as a longtime supporter of both the UH System and UHV and was a member of the UH System Board of Regents from 1993 to 1999, serving as vice chair and secretary. The 29,000-square-foot garden features trees, flower beds, sloping green lawns and a waterfall fountain, and it will eventually display outdoor art installations.

UHV Launches 50th Anniversary Scholarship Campaign

UH-Victoria is seeking contributions to provide special scholarships for 50 students as part of its 50th anniversary celebration. The UHV 50th Anniversary Scholarship Campaign aims to raise \$50,000 to offer \$1,000 scholarships to its students in Victoria, Katy or online, including undergraduate and graduate students.

UHV Named a Top School for Online Master's in Data Science

OnlineMastersDegrees.org ranked UH-Victoria's Master of Science in Computer Information Systems with a concentration in data science program as the No. 7 program in the country for overall quality, affordability and commitment to student success. Only 6% of regionally accredited postsecondary institutions made it to the ranking.