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UH System

Spring Enrollment

The UHS 2021 spring semester preliminary student enrollment is 70,449, a 2% increase compared to spring 2020. UHS also saw an increase of 1.6% in the number of credit hours being taken by students for the 2021 spring semester.

UH	43,436	+2%
UHCL	8,650	-1%
UHD	13,900	+3%
UHV	4,463	+4%

Impact of Winter Storm

UHS is in recovery now thanks to the resilience of staff and their quick response to mitigate damage across its university campuses. At UH no classrooms were impacted, and most buildings were in operation on Monday. A handful of buildings did sustain moderate-to-substantial damage and will require more significant restoration. Hunter Hall, a residence hall at UHCL, received extensive damage to the electrical system and repairs are underway. Students were evacuated and are now in hotel rooms. UH is standing by to accommodate the students in UH residence halls if needed. One Main at UHD had minor damage due to a water leak.

Five Foundations Team Up to Help Houston GPS

\$900,000 has been awarded to launch the Houston Guided Pathways to Success (Houston GPS) Equity Walk: Building a Postsecondary Blueprint for Equity in the Texas Gulf Coast Region. This new initiative will help institutions go from just talking about the barriers that lead to inequitable student outcomes to taking actions aimed at dismantling those barriers.

University of Houston

College of Medicine Coordinating Care in Third Ward, East End

The College of Medicine launched its coordinated care network that will help families who are facing significant health disparities efficiently access health care and resources. The program will also provide UH students hands-on, patient-care experience in underserved communities such as Houston's Third Ward and East End.

Online Graduate Education Programs Rank Among Nation's Best

The online master's degree programs at the College of Education are ranked seventh-best in the country and the highest in Texas, according to the 2021 list from U.S. News & World Report. The rankings cover the College of Education's online M.Ed. programs in curriculum and instruction, higher education, and special populations.

Research Funding and Expenditures on the Rise

In the first quarter of 2021, UH Research has received four new awards of over \$1M each, totaling \$10.8 million and averaging over \$2.5 million each. Additionally, the National Science Foundation published its 2019 national research expenditure report. In 2019, UH rose to No. 117, jumping six spots against stiff competition. UH has now overtaken Texas Tech University in total research expenditure for the first time in many years.

New Members of the National Academies

Donald R. Wilton, professor emeritus, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, was named to National Academy of Engineering for contributions to computational electromagnetics of highly complex structures. Three Cullen College of Engineering researchers have been named Senior Members of the National Academy of Inventors for 2021. **Gangbing Song**, Moores Professor of Mechanical Engineering; **Jeffrey Rimer**, Abraham E. Dukler Endowed Chair, William A. Brookshire Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering; and **Hien Nguyen**, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering, are among 61 academic inventors from around the country who have been selected for the honor.

University of Houston-Clear Lake

Early Childhood Education Earns National Ranking

UHCL's Early Childhood Education program is ranked among Discover Early Childhood EDU's Top 85 Most Affordable Early Childhood Education programs. Discover Early Childhood EDU is an online resource that helps future teachers plan and create their teaching career path.

Healthcare Admin Students Receive Prestigious Fellowships

Ali Hussain is among a group of UHCL students in the Healthcare Administration program to receive a prestigious health care administrative fellowship for 2021 at Kelsey-Seybold Clinic in the Houston Medical Center. **Jalynn Evans** and **Meghna Kapadia** also received administrative fellowships at Indiana University Health System and PeaceHealth System in Vancouver, Washington, respectively.

Art Gallery Exhibition Sprawls Across Campuses

UHCL's Cultural Arts Director **Eric Despard** had a different idea for displaying Houston mixed-media artist **Charles Washington's** exhibition, "Who is Charles Washington?: A Retrospective," which runs through March 19. Primarily centered in the Art Gallery, the exhibition will extend to indoor and outdoor locations around UHCL as well as UHCL Pearland campus.

University of Houston-Downtown

UHD Among Best Online Programs According to U.S. News & World Report

UHD was ranked for the third consecutive year among the Best Online Programs in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. UHD's Master of Science in Criminal Justice is ranked No. 30 for Best Online Programs in Graduate Criminal Justice. UHD also ranked No. 54 among Best Online Bachelor's Programs for former service members. The University ranked No. 16 for Best Online Master's Criminal Justice Programs among this group.

UHD Receives \$750,000 Reskilling Grant

UHD was a recipient of a \$750,000 Reskilling Grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The grant supports students seeking to complete their degrees after pausing their college education. For many students, this grant is a game-changer as they may have departed their studies for work or personal reasons. The grant covers tuition and fees for up to one or two courses in a semester for as many as 500 students.

UHD Partners with Univision, Creates Scholarship

UHD became the first university in the city to partner with Univision to offer the "Tu Futuro" scholarship. This initiative will reward one outstanding Houston-area student with a full scholarship to attend UHD. A winner will be announced by early April. The advertising value of this partnership totals approximately \$500,000 thanks to news mentions and promotional content on television and on Univision's digital platforms.

University of Houston-Victoria

Ranking Groups Single Out UHV and Degrees

Texas Online Colleges ranked UHV No. 1 on its Best Value Online Colleges in Texas list for the university's high-quality, affordable online degrees. Additionally, the Strategic Master of Business Administration was included on The Best Business Schools 2021: Best On-Campus MBA Programs list by The Princeton Review, which also ranked UHV as No. 7 in the publication's Greatest Resources for Minority Students category. Further, Master Degree Guide placed UHV's Master of Science in Computer Science on its Best Affordable Online Master's in Computer Science list. In addition, Nursing Schools Almanac named UHV's Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing as one of the state's top 75 nursing programs for 2020.

Virtual Events, New Fund Highlight Black History Month

UHV is celebrating Black History Month through virtual events and the kickoff of a new fund to help the UHV Library purchase more literature about and written by diverse authors. The Library Fund for Diversity Resources is accepting donations during February, and donations from UHV employees during the month are being matched dollar for dollar. Dow Chemical also is matching their employee donations to the fund. Among the events, UHV has collaborated with community partners to form the CommUNITY Book Club with members meeting virtually in February to discuss "Between the World and Me" by **Ta-Nehisi Coates**.

Sayre Sculpture Coming to UHV

UHV soon will showcase the work of Houston artist **Tom Sayre** with the installation of "Contemplation," a painted steel sculpture that is part of the Public Art of the UH System collection. The 1976 sculpture features a series of cylinders connected by rectangular beams. "Contemplation" previously was installed in front of the UH Graduate School of Social Work. An appropriate location at UHV for this artwork is under discussion.