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UH System

Fundraising Crosses \$200 Million Milestone

The University of Houston System's "Here, We Go" campaign helped cross the \$200 million mark in annual private and corporate philanthropy for the first time in history.

Katy Campus Opens Its Doors

More than 150 guests joined UH and UH-Victoria officials for the ribbon cutting and grand opening of the Katy Academic Building in October. Among them were U.S. Congressman **Pete Olson**, State Representative **Gina Calanni**, Fort Bend County Judge **K.P. George** and Katy Mayor **Bill Hastings**.

University of Houston

UH Helps Houston Take Lead in Electric Vehicle Technology

UH has joined the city of Houston and local energy companies to launch "EVOlve Houston," a coalition of sustainability-minded civic and business leaders who want to accelerate clean transportation through electrification of vehicles with the goal of improving regional air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the Greater Houston Area.

Cullen Boulevard Will Become Pedestrian and Bike Friendly

Harris County Commissioner **Rodney Ellis** and Houston Mayor **Sylvester Turner** broke ground on a \$22 million Cullen Boulevard construction project that will increase safety and accessibility for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders. The project includes drainage improvements to help reduce street flooding. Harris County, with the leadership of Commissioner Ellis, is the lead funder of the project with \$15 million.

Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship Ranks #1

The C. T. Bauer College of Business Cyvia and Melvyn Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship's undergraduate program has been named No. 1 in the nation. The ranking is compiled annually by The Princeton Review. The Wolff Center has been in the top 10 since 2007, enrolling between 35 and 40 students each year.

Campus Becomes a Polling Site

The Office of Government Relations worked with Harris County Clerk **Diane Trautman**, a UH alumna, to establish a voting location in the UH Student Center to make it easier for UH students, faculty and staff to vote. It is UH's effort to educate students on their civic responsibilities while also increasing voter turnout.

SURE™ Recognized Nationally for Its Success

The Stimulating Urban Renewal through Entrepreneurship (SURE™) program in the C. T. Bauer College of Business was recognized as one of the nation's top university-led economic development initiatives by the University Economic Development Association. Founded by **Saleha Khumawala**, SURE™ has helped more than 1,200 current and aspiring area entrepreneurs since its founding in 2012.

Strategic Planning Process Starts

UH officially launched a year-long, extensive process of debates and discussions to produce a plan that will define its next level of excellence and strategically guide it toward accomplishing it. The process will engage stakeholders from the UH community and also from the city and the state.

University of Houston-Clear Lake

NASA Johnson Space Center, UHCL Expand Partnership

NASA Johnson Space Center and UHCL signed the new Space Act Agreement and Annex, affirming and expanding their partnership. The agreement states that UHCL and JSC will continue collaborating on joint research, technology transfer, technology development and educational initiatives focused on science and technology topics of interest to NASA.

Three Grants Aid in Keeping Education a Priority

A \$2.5 million NSF grant is funding a five-year initiative to keep academically challenged students in the College of Science and Engineering on the path to a degree; the College of Education received a \$2.5 million U.S. Department of Education grant to boost the number of Hispanic students in the master of arts in Teaching or a doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction; Early Childhood Leadership students will benefit from a \$400,000 Samuels Family Foundation grant for scholarships.

Energy and Environmental Stewardship: Oman and UHCL

UHCL hosted the 10th Annual Conference of the Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center in October for the purpose of discussing the systems needed to create environmental, economic and social sustainability in energy production. His Excellency **Hunaina Sultan al Mughairy**, ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to the United States and chair of the SQCC oversight board, presided.

University of Houston-Downtown

UHD at the Center of Civic, Public Discourse

UHD hosted KPRC and NBC News for "Education Now," a televised forum on K-12 education in Houston; UHD hosted "Reflecting Black: 400 Years of African American Life and History," a symposium on race issues with leading scholars; and this week, UHD and the Texas Tribune team up for "The Future of Urban Texas," panel discussions with legislators and civic leaders on the state's metropolitan communities.

Sustainability, History Share the Spotlight in New Building

UHD's newest facility, the College of Sciences & Technology Building, which focuses on sustainability, received \$250,000 from The Elkins Foundation; the Green Mountain Energy Sun Club contributed \$250,000 for the purchase of solar panels and photosynthesis equipment to support environmental sciences and sustainability education.

UHD Contributes \$2 Billion to Local Economy Annually

A new economic impact study indicates that UHD contributed \$2 billion to the regional economy during FY 2018. The study also found that alumni had a net impact of \$1.8 billion on the regional economy and that the institution supports more than 19,000 jobs regionally.

University of Houston-Victoria

New Administrators Start Roles at UHV

UHV has two new vice presidents, **Chance Glenn Sr.**, provost and vice president for academic affairs, and **Jose Cantu**, vice president for enrollment management. Glenn was dean of the College of Engineering, Technology and Physical Sciences at Alabama A&M University. Cantu worked in admissions, recruitment and enrollment at Schreiner University in Kerrville, UH-Downtown and UH.

Two Grants Help Support Student Success Initiatives

A \$2.25 million Title III grant from the U.S. Department of Education will provide funding for five years to hire two additional student success coaches to enhance advising, tutor students, train faculty and work with local nonprofits and businesses on student engagement opportunities and internships; a \$50,000 grant from the American Electric Power Foundation will cover tuition for 25 students a year in the new Summer Bridge Scholars program in 2020 and 2021.

UHV Surpasses Fundraising Goal, Reaches Employee Giving Milestone

After seven years of fundraising, including two years of a public campaign, UHV has surpassed its \$12 million fundraising goal 11 months ahead of schedule with gifts from 3,469 individuals and organizations. UHV also reached a new milestone in employee giving after more than half of UHV's faculty and staff donated more than \$51,000.