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University of Houston System

UH System Spring Graduates

The UH System spring 2022 preliminary graduation total is 9,366. With the addition of approximately 6,778 degrees awarded during the fall 2021 semester, the estimated total number of degrees awarded system-wide for the 2021-2022 academic year is 16,094.

	UH	UHCL	UHD	UHV	UHS TOTAL
SPRING 2022					
BACHELOR	4,353	833	1,461	406	7,053
MASTER	1,002	407	139	193	1,741
DOCTOR	183	10	-	-	193
PROFESSIONAL	379	-	-	-	379
TOTAL	5,917	1,250	1,600	599	9,366

Houston GPS Expands Student Support

Houston Guided Pathways to Success is expanding student support services by addressing equity gaps that create barriers to success in the classroom and to graduation. With the support of \$900,000 in grants, the Houston GPS Equity Walk Initiative focuses on driving changes in policy and practice to help close those gaps.

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A New Institute — UH Energy Transition Institute ... *an Aspire Initiative*

The Energy Transition Institute has been established with a \$10 million gift from Shell USA, Inc. and Shell Global Solutions Inc. The institute will focus on the production and use of reliable, affordable and cleaner energy through a just and equity-driven pathway targeting three core areas: hydrogen, carbon management and circular plastics.

UH Professors Lauded for Excellence in Arts and Humanities

This spring, two UH professors were recognized for their outstanding contributions to their fields. The prestigious National Humanities Center selected Professor of English **Cedric R. Tolliver** as a fellow for his scholarship in African American literature, culture and literary theory. Additionally, Associate Professor **Kelivy Anderson-Staley** received the illustrious Guggenheim Fellowship for Photography. This is the second year in a row the honor has been bestowed on a UH professor.

UH Is a Top Producer of Fulbright Grants, Again

Ten recent UH graduates and alumni received Fulbright grants for the 2021-2022 academic year. This marks the second time in three years that 10 or more UH students earned grants from the U.S. government's flagship international educational exchange program, putting UH among the top producers in the nation.

Spring Athletics Wrap Up

Excellence and drive exemplified UH Athletics this spring. UH athletes swept the conference championships in Swimming and Diving, Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field, and Men's Basketball. Men's Basketball Coach **Kelvin Sampson** received multiple Coach of the Year awards following the team's performance at the NCAA tournament. The program recorded its second 30-win season under his watch and the program's seventh straight 20-win season, extending the school record.

During the NFL draft, three UH football players were selected to play in Baltimore, Tampa Bay and New England. In the last six years, 14 UH defensive players have been drafted to the NFL. The Women's and Men's Golf teams placed second and third, respectively, in the American Athletic Conference, and multiple UH sports programs had individual athletes compete at NCAA tournaments.

UH Giving Day 2022 Breaks Records

The University had a record-breaking Giving Day, raising \$3,373,954 from 22,441 donors. These totals include gifts from every part of the University and gifts of every size. There were 409 first-time donors, and gifts ranged in size from \$1-\$125,000. The average gift amount was \$725.

University of Houston-Clear Lake

UHCL Begins Reaffirmation Process

In March, UHCL hosted its virtual on-site visit for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges reaffirmation. All UHCL reaffirmation reports and documents will be presented to the SACSCOC Board of Trustees for review and action at the SACSCOC annual meeting in December of this year.

Work-Based Learning Opportunity Grant and Internships

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board awarded UHCL a Work-based Learning Opportunity Grant for Internships. It provides UHCL the opportunity to reinforce the vital connection between higher education and the workforce, as well as strengthen their collaborative roles in economic development. The grant will provide UHCL students with paid internship positions that offer real-world experiences and position them for successful employment after graduation.

New Center for Neurologic Injury and Recovery Opens at UHCL

The Health and Human Performance Institute at UHCL launched the Center for Neurologic Injury and Recovery. The initiative aims to identify and help rehabilitate those who have suffered brain injuries due to intimate partner violence, sports injury or occupational injury. It provides no-cost, unique services and research while training students in a hands-on setting.

University of Houston-Downtown

UHD Faculty Named Fulbright Scholars

Four faculty members at UHD earned Fulbright Scholar Awards for 2022-23 — a significant achievement compared to peer institutions, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education. The Scholars will travel to Spain, Ajman University near Dubai, Tajikistan in Central Asia and Ecuador to teach, research and conduct community and health advocacy.

Preparing Students for an Evolving Job Market

In fall 2022, UHD is launching multiple degree programs geared to educate and upskill students to fill urgent and predicted job market demands. The four bachelor's programs and three master's and graduate certificate programs prepare students for a broad range of careers ranging from artificial intelligence to medical humanities to human resource management.

UHD, Univision Partnership and Tu Futuro Scholarship Winners

Maria Castrejon and **Kenneth Garcia**, high school seniors who aspire to enter the medical profession after graduating college, were named the recipients of full scholarships at UHD. Made possible through the Univision "Tu Futuro" Scholarship program which launched in 2021, the students can pursue their higher education dreams without worrying about financial barriers — of particular importance in Houston's underserved Hispanic community.

University of Houston-Victoria

Cuenca Receives Prestigious Fellowship, Grant

Esther Cuenca, assistant professor of history, is among a select group of about 250 scholars from around the world chosen to be 2022-2023 members at the renowned Institute for Advanced Studies in Princeton, N.J., where Albert Einstein was a founding professor. Additionally, Cuenca received a Mellon Fellowship for Assistant Professors from the Andrew Mellon Foundation.

UHV, Alvin CC Partner to Put Bachelor's Degree on Reach of More Students

UHV expanded its partnership with Alvin Community College to allow ACC students completing an Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal to apply their credits toward a UHV Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences in Legal Assistance and Administration. This builds on an agreement that ensures students completing an Associate of Applied Science in Process Technology can apply their credits toward a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences in Petroleum Technology.

UHV Faculty Member Elected to National Spanish-Language Academy

Armando Chávez-Rivera, associate professor of Spanish, was elected to join the Norteamericana de la Lengua Española, or North American Academy of the Spanish Language, becoming a corresponding member of Spain's oldest official Spanish-language institution. The academy is one of 23 Spanish-language academies on four continents that serve 580 million Spanish speakers around the world. UHV professors specializing in STEM fields will volunteer as mentors for children attending the district's two new STEM campuses.