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## University of Houston

### Leading the Way to Cyber Safety on Roads and Highways

Jack Zhang, associate professor in the Department of Information Science Technology at the Cullen College of Engineering, received a \$10 million award from the U.S. Department of Transportation. He will lead the Transportation Cybersecurity Center for Advanced Research and Education, known as CYBER-CARE. The center includes consortium members from across the nation with the goal of helping to prevent potential cyberattacks that could threaten the safe and efficient movement of people and goods, both in the U.S. and globally.

### New Energy-Focused Data Center Opens at UH

The newly established UH–Directorate General for Hydrocarbon Center for Hydrocarbon Exploration is a partnership between UH and the Indian Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. The center features a geoscience data repository and software for interpreting crucial exploration and production data. It also possesses in-depth knowledge about India's sedimentary basins and fields.

### UH Officially Joined the Big 12 Conference

Building on its legacy of success, UH entered the Big 12 Conference on July 1. Today, the Big 12 Conference has expanded to 16 members, making it among the top three athletic conferences in the U.S. Five of the Big 12 Conference members are also members of the Association of American Universities (AAU) and four are ranked among top 100 public universities in America, according to U.S. News and World Report.

### Records Shattered by NCAA Medalists

Houston track and field juniors Shaun Maswanganyi and De'Vion Wilson both medaled and broke school records at the NCAA Championships. The Houston men finished the championships with 17.33 points, the most points earned by the Cougars since 2019.

## University of Houston-Clear Lake

### UHCL Joins First Scholars Network

In June, UH-Clear Lake joined the First Scholars Network for 2023-24, one of 76 new members selected by the Center for First-generation Student Success. This highlights UHCL's dedication to improving first-generation college student learning experiences. As part of this network, UHCL faculty and staff can collaborate with peer institutions for enhanced first-gen student support and development.

### Texas Academic Leadership Academy Hosted at UHCL

In July, UH-Clear Lake hosted more than 100 academic leaders from across Texas at the Texas Academic Leadership Academy. This is the first time a Houston-area university has hosted the leadership academy. The event granted UHCL access to academic leaders statewide, showcasing its essential role in Texas' higher education landscape.

## University of Houston-Downtown

### UHD Receives \$635,000 From C. T. Bauer Foundation

The Marilyn Davies College of Business recently received a \$635,000 gift from the C. T. Bauer Foundation. The funds support the Ted Bauer Undergraduate Business Scholars Scholarship Program. Since fall 2019, the C.T. Bauer Foundation has generously supported UH-Downtown students with the Scholars Program, in many cases helping students to graduate early and debt-free.

### UHD Professor's 50-Year Retrospective at Madison Museum

UH-Downtown Art Professor Floyd Newsum's retrospective, "Evolution of Sight," is being displayed at the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art until Oct. 8, 2023. The exhibit reflects his 50-year career, including his paintings and models of his public art commissions. Newsum has taught at UHD for 47 years, co-founded Project Row Houses and is an advocate for Black art and culture. His art is found in various public institutions, including the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.

### UHD Student Giselle Oviedo Is 'Reaching Up'!

Giselle Oviedo, a first-generation student and junior in UH-Downtown's Fine Arts program, recently finished her mural "Reaching Up" on a wall of Zydeco Diner at the corner of Louisiana and Pease streets. She joins the more than two dozen muralists featured in the Downtown Houston "Big Art. Bigger Change." initiative.

## University of Houston-Victoria

### UHV Nursing Program Receives Accreditation

The Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at UH-Victoria recently received accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. The program, which originally was accredited in 2018 for five years, underwent an extensive review process to earn accreditation until the end of June 2033.

### UHV Hosts Inaugural Cybersecurity Event Panel Event

To introduce students and prospective students to experts in the cybersecurity field, UH-Victoria hosted the inaugural "Meet the Employer: Cybersecurity & IT Career Pathways" panel at UHV at Katy. Students, including those from Houston Community College and Lone Star College, were able to hear from several cybersecurity and information security officers from the Houston area and beyond.