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University of Houston System

Fall 2022 UHS Graduation Rates Are Rising

Preliminary data shows that during the upcoming fall 2022 commencement ceremonies, the UH System will award 6,990 degrees. This is an approximate 3.1% increase compared to the total number of degrees awarded during the fall 2021 semester.

	UH	UHCL	UHD	UHV	UH-SYSTEM
FALL 2022					
BACHELOR	2,920	752	1,401	331	5,404
MASTER	642	337	233	223	1,435
DOCTOR	119	11	-	-	130
PROFESSIONAL	21	-	-	-	21
TOTAL	3,702	1,100	1,634	554	6,990

System Consortium Addressing Workforce Shortage

The UH System received a \$1 million grant, which is part of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's Accelerating Credentials of Purpose and Value initiative funded by the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund. The grant is to develop and deliver an innovative microcredentialing program to train both current and aspiring energy professionals in upstream energy data analytics. This program will address a workforce gap while increasing and expediting university-level credentials in this field.

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Wolff Center Rankings Testament to Program's Excellence, Influence

For the fourth consecutive year, the Cyvia and Melvyn Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship in the C. T. Bauer College of Business has been named the No. 1 undergraduate entrepreneurship program in the United States by The Princeton Review. This is the longest streak in the program's history. Graduates have created 1,640 businesses in the past 10 years and raised more than \$400 million.

Increase of Research Awards

Between August and October, UH received a total of 11 awards over \$1 million, totaling over \$26.8 million, of which, three were awarded to the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and three to the College of Optometry.

With a \$3.2 million grant from the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development, Professor Kirill Larin and his team will develop a new sensitive, high-resolution imaging

platform for in-utero imaging of the fetal brain that will fill a significant gap in the understanding of the genesis of brain growth deficits due to prenatal alcohol/ethanol and nicotine exposure.

\$1M Gift to Upgrade UH Technology Lab in Sugar Land

Entrepreneur and Distinguished Alumnus Brij Agrawal ('88) and his wife, Sunita, pledged \$1 million for manufacturing laboratory equipment at the College of Technology in Sugar Land. In recognition, the auditorium now will be called the Brij and Sunita Agrawal Auditorium.

Financial Support for UH Athletics Is on the Rise

Houston Rise, the \$150 million fundraising campaign centered on competitive excellence in the Big 12 Conference, is making steady progress toward its funding goal. As of November 15, the UH community and stakeholders have donated more than \$45.27 million to the initiative, of which \$39.9 million is earmarked for the Football Operations Center.

Making History and Breaking Records

For the first time since 1983, the Men's Basketball program is ranked No. 1 in the Associated Press college basketball poll. Congratulations to Head Coach Kelvin Sampson who won his 700th career game and 200th win at UH during the team's season opener. UH will be a part of history serving as a host university when the NCAA Final Four tournament comes to Houston in 2023.

The No. 22 ranked Women's Volleyball team is undefeated at home and has surpassed the team's longest winning streak since a 17-game streak in 1994. They have also won their last 19 conference matches, the second-longest active stretch in the country. The team earned its first American Athletic Conference Championship — its first NCAA Tournament bid since 2000.

University of Houston-Clear Lake

UHCL-Boeing Partnership Supports Experiential Learning

In September, UHCL and Boeing signed a contract that enabled Boeing to offer engineering students entry-level employment experience and internships. The students will support multiple projects, including the International Space Station, the CST-100 Starliner Commercial Crew Program and the Space Launch System.

Software Solutions Grant Supports Students of Color in Education

UHCL received a \$589,000 grant to create a software solution to understand better the needs and issues faced by students of color in UHCL educator preparation programs. The long-term objective of the initiative is to help UHCL — a Hispanic-Serving Institution — train and support more diverse teacher candidates. Additionally, the system will yield critical enrollment data insights, evaluate the program impact based on candidate performance and identify targeted opportunities for program improvement.

UHCL Leads in Civic Engagement/Voter Initiative Success

UHCL is a designated Voter Friendly Campus. To achieve the Voter Friendly Campus designation, a campus has to show a 60-68% voting rate. The Houston Chronicle recently reported that after over seven days of early voting, university polling locations in Harris County lagged everywhere except in one location — the University of Houston-Clear Lake. This positive impact is the result of strategic outreach to incoming freshmen and sophomores to guide them toward registering and voting, and finding more ways to approach students about raising voter awareness and engaging them in the process.

University of Houston-Downtown

UHD Received Its First Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas Grant

UHD received its first Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas Grant, which totals \$991,308 over three years. Led by Angelica Roncancio, assistant professor of health and behavioral sciences in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, the collaboration with The University of Texas at Austin, UT Health San Antonio, and two Federally Qualified Health Center Systems (12 clinics) across seven Texas counties is focused on primary prevention efforts to reduce HPV-related cancer disparities specifically for those who reside in Medically Underserved Areas and Health Professional Shortage Areas in Texas.

UHD's Mariachi Los Caimanes Won Inaugural 'Battle of the Mariachis'

At PNC Stadium before the final game of the Houston Dynamo season against the LA Galaxy, UHD's Mariachi Los Caimanes went head-to-head against Rice's Mariachi Luna Llena to determine the best college mariachi band in the city. The audience selected Mariachi Los Caimanes as the winner, and the band sang the National Anthem before the game and performed a song at halftime.

The C.T. Bauer Foundation Funded Four Cohorts of Scholarships at \$2M

In October, 72 Marilyn Davies College of Business undergraduate students received the Ted Bauer Undergraduate Business Scholarship, representing a mix of Cohort Three (graduating May 2023) and Cohort Four (graduating May 2024). The C.T. Bauer Foundation has now funded four cohorts of Ted Bauer Undergraduate Business Scholarships, totaling \$2 million and having an impact on more than 150 students since fall 2019. This gift represents a depth and breadth of impact like no other scholarship program at UHD.

University of Houston-Victoria

UHV Undergraduate Computer Science Program Receives Accreditation

The Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology recently bestowed accreditation to the UHV College of Natural & Applied Science Bachelor of Science in computer science. The accreditation is retroactive to October 2019. The board is recognized internationally for its accreditation of college and university programs in disciplines including applied and natural science, computing, engineering and engineering technology.

UHV's Counseling Training Clinic Helps Katy Community

The Katy community will receive mental health assistance for free, thanks to the new UHV Counseling Training Clinic. This new clinic will serve as an internship site for graduate students in the UHV professional counseling program. Students, under supervision by licensed faculty, will offer counseling services to people in the community and gain practical experience.

Jaguar Pillars Showcase UHV Student Values

Students attending UHV have a new tradition that highlights the values of the University's student body, known as the Jaguar Pillars. UHV's Jaguar Pillars were created by members of the Student Government Association and other student leaders during the 2021-2022 academic year. Now, after a year of hard work and cooperation, the five pillars have been posted in a mural in a hallway inside UHV Jaguar Hall.