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## University of Houston System

### UH System Spring 2025 Graduation Total Exceeds 10K

The University of Houston System spring 2025 preliminary graduation total is 10,411. With the addition of 6,879 degrees awarded during the fall 2024 semester, the estimated total number of degrees awarded systemwide for the 2024-2025 academic year is 17,290.

## University of Houston

### New Academic Leaders

Following nationwide searches, the University of Houston is pleased to welcome two new deans: Dr. Xianjun Geng, the new dean for the C. T. Bauer College of Business, comes to us from Tulane University and Dr. Yarneccia D. Dyson, the new dean for the Graduate College of Social Work who will begin on June 1, comes to us from North Carolina State University.

### Groundbreaking for the New Home of the Hobby School

University of Houston celebrated the groundbreaking of the \$52 million Hobby School of Public Affairs academic building. The 42,000 square-foot facility will be located on the east side of campus at the site of the old law building and should be completed by 2027.

### Men's Basketball Closes Record Season in NCAA Championship

The University of Houston Men's Basketball team capped a historic season with 35 wins, a school record, and a trip to the NCAA Championship. Congratulations on their incredible run under Head Coach Kelvin Sampson.

### UH Students Earn Highly Competitive Scholarships

Biology major Cole Woody earned the Barry Goldwater Scholarship for his cancer vaccine research. English major Kalena Holeman became UH's second Gates Cambridge Scholar and is set to pursue her graduate studies at Cambridge. Both awards are highly prestigious and competitive.

### Professors Awarded Prestigious Guggenheim Fellowships

Anna Mayer, associate professor in the Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts, and Francine J. Harris, English professor in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, received Guggenheim Fellowships, one of the most prestigious recognitions in the nation.

### Match Day Success

During the second annual Match Day, students from the Tilman J. Fertitta Family College of Medicine performed very well. They matched with competitive residencies and research opportunities nationwide, with 63% of students going into primary care but some going in highly sought-after specialties like neurosurgery and dermatology.

## University of Houston-Clear Lake

### UHCL Earns 2025–2026 Military Friendly Silver Designation

The University of Houston-Clear Lake has been awarded the 2025–2026 Military Friendly® School Silver Designation, recognizing the University's commitment to supporting military-affiliated students.

### UHCL Partners With PAM Health on Neuro Recovery Lab

University of Houston-Clear Lake's Health and Human Performance Institute partnered with PAM Health to launch the PAM Health Neurorehabilitation and Motor Performance Lab to advance research, enhance student training and improve outcomes for patients with neurological conditions like Parkinson's, stroke and dementia.

### UHCL Advances in THECB Institutional Rankings

University of Houston-Clear Lake has been positively reclassified by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board from the Masters to the Comprehensive peer group for FY 2025. This reflects UHCL's growth in offering expansive baccalaureate and master's programs and enhancing future opportunities.

## University of Houston-Downtown

### Marilyn Davies Honored at the College that Bears Her Name

The University of Houston-Downtown celebrated Marilyn Davies and the fulfillment of her pledge of \$10 million on Wednesday, April 16. Her historic gift established the first College of Business in Texas named for a woman and funded investments in student and faculty success.

### Ribbon-Cutting for UHD@1801 Main Expansion

On March 4, University of Houston-Downtown celebrated the opening of UHD@1801 Main, a 17,000-square-foot facility in the Amegy Bank Building. It houses continuing education, alumni relations, career services, and the Center for Crime, Urban Research, and Education.

### UHD Awarded \$300K Grant to Boost STEM Success

University of Houston-Downtown received a \$300,000 U.S. Department of Education grant to enhance STEM student success by promoting math modeling techniques across math, statistics, natural sciences and computer science, to improve understanding of real-world applications.

## University of Houston-Victoria

### UHV RN to BSN Online Program Ranked No. 1 in Texas

University of Houston-Victoria's online RN to BSN program was ranked No. 1 in Texas by RegisteredNurse.org for its flexibility and affordability, and for supporting working nurses and concurrent enrollment options.

### UHV Launches Cybersecurity Master's Program

The cybersecurity program at the University of Houston-Victoria, which began as a certificate program, has been expanded to a full Master of Science in cybersecurity program with the option to take concentrations in artificial intelligence or business.

### Lamar Consolidated ISD, UHV Showcase Teacher Residency Program

University of Houston-Victoria's JagsTeach teacher residency program continues to make an impact on education, with graduates placed in Lamar Consolidated Independent School District. Earlier this year, nearly 50 national visitors observed the program in action during a US PREP-hosted event.