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University of Houston

New Leadership Announced

The appointment of three new vice presidents has been announced. Dr. Jonathan McCullers, vice president of health affairs and dean of the Tilman J. Fertitta Family College of Medicine, Claudia Neuhauser, vice chancellor and vice president for research, and Eddie Nuñez, vice president for intercollegiate athletics. They will help the University of Houston fulfill its mission to transform lives and communities and achieve its vision of becoming a top 50 public university.

UH Receives \$6.5M for Disease Prevention Research

College of Optometry Associate Professor Wendy Harrison received a \$3.3 million award from the National Institutes of Health's National Eye Institute to create early detection methods to prevent blindness in patients with prediabetes and diabetes. Additionally, Rohith Reddy, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering, received a grant with a potential value of \$3.2 million from the NIH to improve lupus diagnostics.

UH Team Develops New Virus Prevention

A team of researchers, led by Navin Varadarajan, M.D. Anderson Professor in the William A. Brookshire Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, has developed two new nasal sprays, NanoSTING and NanoSTING-NS, to prevent and treat respiratory viruses like the coronavirus and the flu.

Cougar Medalists Shine at Olympics

UH sprinters Shaun Maswanganyi of South Africa and Louie Hinchliffe of Great Britain won silver and bronze for their home countries at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. Earlier this summer, Maswanganyi was named the 2024 Big 12 Conference Men's Outdoor Performer of the Year; and, Hinchliffe won Houston Track & Field's first NCAA Outdoor Track & Field individual title since 2019 in the 100-meter dash.

New RAD Center Expands Offerings for Fall

The new Retail Auxiliary and Dining Center, known as the RAD Center, opened this spring on campus and expanded its offerings with new dining options for the fall. The two-story, 41,000-foot facility, which stands on the site of the former Student Center Satellite building, provides the UH community a place to gather and recharge. Some of the new dining brands include The Burger Joint, Paper Lantern and The Taco Stand.

University of Houston-Clear Lake

Early Childhood Program Receives Moody Foundation Grant

The College of Education's Early Childhood program recently received a \$583,590 Moody Foundation Grant. The grant will significantly advance efforts to enhance the early education workforce, with a focus on supporting first-generation students.

THECB Awards Grant to UHCL's Nursing Program

The University of Houston-Clear Lake nursing program received a \$378,753 grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Nursing Shortage Reduction Program. It will help UH-Clear Lake tackle Texas's nursing shortage by expanding enrollment, promoting the recruitment and retention of Spanish-speaking and bilingual students, and more.

UHCL Co-Sponsors Inaugural Space City Job Fair

In partnership with Space Center Houston and Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, the University of Houston-Clear Lake co-sponsored the inaugural Space City Job Fair in July. The event, featuring more than 25 employers and drawing more than 500 attendees, provided a networking platform for organizations to connect with recent graduates.

University of Houston-Downtown

C.T. Bauer Foundation Awards Nearly \$1M to UHD

The Marilyn Davies College of Business received a \$815,000 gift from the C. T. Bauer Foundation — its largest gift to-date, contributing to its more than \$3.4 million commitment to University of Houston-Downtown over the last five years.

UHD Baseball Club Goes to the NCBA World Series

For the first time in school history, the University of Houston-Downtown Baseball Club went all the way to the National Collegiate Baseball Association Division II World Series in Alton, Illinois. Led by Head Coach Scipio Spinks, the Gators were 10-4 in regular season play.

Grammy Award-winning Artist to Perform in Honor of UHD's 50th Anniversary

Eight-time Grammy Award-winning jazz trumpeter, pianist and composer Terence Blanchard is slated to perform as part of the University of Houston-Downtown's 50th anniversary. Joining him on stage will be his own band, plus musicians from the University of Houston Moore's School of Music.

University of Houston-Victoria

UHV Ranked Among Most Affordable Online Colleges

The University of Houston-Victoria is one of the most affordable online colleges in the nation for 2024 according to College Consensus. The list ranks the top 100 colleges and universities that offer affordable tuition in the U.S. UH-Victoria was one of six Texas universities featured on the list.

Volunteer Service Hours at UHV Exceed Expectations

The University of Houston-Victoria Staff Council exceeded its 2023-2024 fiscal year goal for volunteer hours by more than 200%. As of July 11, UHV staff logged 454 hours volunteering in the local community. The initial target for the recent fiscal year was a 10% increase over the previous year's total.

UHV Graduate Student Earns DOD Scholarship Honors

University of Houston-Victoria graduate student Elizabeth Akanbi was selected for the U.S. Department of Defense SMART Program scholarship. This prestigious award provides STEM students with full tuition coverage, an annual stipend, a summer internship and mentorship. Recipients commit to a year of service as a DOD civilian employee after graduation.