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University of Houston

UH Is Best in Entrepreneurship

For the sixth consecutive year, the University of Houston's Cyvia and Melvyn Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship in the C. T. Bauer College of Business has been named the best entrepreneurship program for undergraduate students in the United States by the Princeton Review.

Kanellos Awarded National Humanities Medal

Nicolás Kanellos was awarded the National Humanities Medal by President Joe Biden for his decades of work uplifting Hispanic voices and mentoring future scholars at UH. In addition to a full-time teaching role, he directs Arte Público Press and is the former director of the Recovering the U.S. Hispanic Literary Heritage Initiative.

UH, Baylor to Launch Regional Research Hub

Baylor College of Medicine and the University of Houston received a \$44.2 million grant to establish the Consortium for Translational and Precision Health. This regional hub will support infrastructure, services, community engagement and workforce development to advance research and drive innovation in clinical translational science.

Physics Professor Honored by Big 12

The Big 12 Conference named University of Houston physics professor and world-renowned researcher Zhifeng Ren as one of its first-ever Big 12 Faculty of the Year Award winners. Ren is the director of the Texas Center for Superconductivity at UH, and he holds more than 65 U.S. patents and eight foreign patents.

Cemo Family Invests \$10 Million to Support Intercollegiate Athletics

The University of Houston received a generous \$10 million gift from the Michael and Rebecca Cemo Family Foundation to support UH Intercollegiate Athletics, specifically the construction and maintenance of the new Memorial Hermann Football Operations Center. The late Michael Cemo ('68) proudly served on the Board of Regents from 2001-2007. In recognition of this gift, the west-end scoreboard at TDECU Stadium is being named in the Cemo family's honor.

Big, Bold ... Blue!

University of Houston Athletics is celebrating the City of Houston with Houston Blue commemorative uniforms to wear during select games against an in-state rival. The Houston Blue merchandise collection is available at major retail outlets, so everyone can embrace their love of Houston Blue and UH.

University of Houston-Clear Lake

UHCL Receives \$1.95M to Support First-Generation Students

The University of Houston-Clear Lake secured a five-year, \$1.95 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Title V program to support underserved, first-generation college students.

UHCL Secures \$2.6 Million Grant for the EXCITE Program

The College of Education received \$2.64 million to continue the EXCITE Program, which provides scholarships for Hispanic and low-income students pursuing teaching careers.

Beating the Heat in the Workplace

Professors Robert Phalen and Magdy Akladios received a \$155,556 Occupational Safety and Health Administration grant to expand heat stress prevention training.

University of Houston-Downtown

UHD Announces Campus Expansion

Through a partnership with Downtown Houston Plus, the University of Houston-Downtown is expanding to 1801 Main Street. UHD will occupy 17,000 square feet of office and classroom space. Known as "The Launchpad," the location will foster innovation, interdisciplinary collaboration and economic growth.

UHD Plans for New Data Center and Academic Programming

During his 2024 State of the University address, University of Houston-Downtown President Loren J. Blanchard shared plans for a new UHD Crime & Urban Issues Data Analysis Center. Additionally, he announced pending approvals for a Bachelor of Arts in Translation and a Master of Social Work and plans for new technology-focused programming.

Celebrating 50 Years in Grand Style: UHD's 50th Anniversary Gala

Nearly \$300,000 was raised at the University of Houston-Downtown anniversary gala to support student scholarships. UHD supporter Marilyn Davies was recognized with the Excellence in Leadership Award that now will be named in her honor. The 2024 Corporate Partner of the Year Award went to Voya Financial.

University of Houston-Victoria

UHV Dedicates New Statue, Renames Room to Honor Supporters

The University of Houston-Victoria unveiled a new bronze jaguar statue in front of University Commons. Additionally, the multi-purpose room inside University North was renamed the Galvan Community Hall to honor Ben and Diana Galvan for their generous support of UHV.

\$1.5M Grant Funds 10 UHV Psychology Students

The tuition and fees, as well as other services, were covered for a cohort of 10 University of Houston-Victoria students thanks to a \$1.5 million Department of Education grant to improve access to mental health services in schools. UHV will partner with Katy Independent School District to train future school psychologists.

New Scholarship Aims to Support UHV Business Students

A generous five-year commitment from the Haberling McLeroy Family Foundation funded the new College of Business Friends Residential Scholarship to attract and support business students who choose to live on campus and to contribute to the local Victoria community.